

State Baptists Face Decade Of Growth And Expansion



Mr. Morris parison to the current figure of 503,334. This tremendous projection was given to Mississippi Baptists last November, in annual session by Rev. Orrin D. Morris, associate in the Department of Survey and Special

Studies of the Home Mission Board. This projection was coupled with the challenge to Mississippi Baptists to rise to their very best in dedication and service as "the major economic centers continue to develop across the Southland and as the Federal interstate highway system nears completion."

The study pointed out also that the trend of population movement from the rural areas into the urban centers continues and that for the first time in more than three decades people are migrating into the state.

Mr. Morris says, the projected membership figure of 565,000 is conditioned on several factors, as follows:

If the rising baptism ratio can be stabilized at one baptism for every 30.8 members, if the ratio between the population and the Southern Baptist members can be brought back to the 1961 level of one to 2.7, and if the average size of the churches in the state continues to increase at the rate it has in the past.

The report included three phases of study, population growth by counties, 1960-64; findings from the religious surveys since 1961; population and church projection for the next 10 years.

Regarding population growth the study revealed the following facts:

Mississippi's population has increased by nearly 138,000 persons since the 1960 census. The 1964 county estimates of Mississippi population released by the Agricultural Experiment Station at Mississippi State sets the total at 2,315,900. The white population totaled 1,370,400 and the non-white 945,500.

More than 48,000 white persons have actually migrated into the state above the number that have migrated out.

Hinds Growth Greatest

The counties that have experienced the largest percentage growth in white population are DeSoto (56%), Carroll and Stone, respectively.

The counties which have experienced the largest numerical gains in white population are Hinds, Jackson, Lee and Lauderdale, in that order.

The largest area of population growth is the northwest section, occasioned by the growth of Metropolitan Memphis, with the second largest being the Greenwood-Grenada

development area. The largest numerical increase in white population is in the northeastern - TVA area with the second being the Gulf Coast section.

The second part of the study deals with findings from the

over 65 area religious surveys conducted since March 1961, under joint sponsorship of the Cooperative Missions Department and the Department of Survey and Statistics of the Home Board.

Assuming those surveyed

are "typical," it was revealed that 45.8% of the population are active local members, nine years of age or older.

The second group is composed of small children, who are inactive. This leaves 41.4% of the population in one

of the four unchurched categories.

Those are inactive local members, those who are church members but not close enough to attend weekly, the non-members and the inactive (Continued on page 2)

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The year 1965 cannot be reckoned apart from the "wars and rumours of wars" that boiled across the continents. But Southern Baptists continued their work in crisis situations and their program of foreign mission advance in forces, fields, and strategy.

"We cannot wait for the world to become as we would like it to be before we launch out into our witness for Christ," explains Dr. Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

"We must go into the world as it is. We must incur the risk and be willing to face the demands of serving amid the circumstances which are ours."

He said the dedication and stability of missionaries across the world was of major significance during the year.

When many U. S. dependents were evacuated from Vietnam in February, the missionaries chose to remain and went on record as intending to continue their program of work and advance.

In annual meeting later, they requested more personnel.

(The war in Vietnam claimed the life of David J. Thomas, son of missionaries in Colombia.)

Like those in Vietnam, missionaries in Indonesia and Rhodesia were able to continue their work with little interruption, despite unstable political situations in their countries.

Fighting in the Dominican Republic in the spring forced the two missionary families there to evacuate; but the men returned within a few days and their families rejoined them in several months. Because of hostilities between Pakistan and India, all the missionary women and children were evacuated from Pakistan in September; however, they had returned by year's end.

Missionaries Reinforced

Meanwhile, the Foreign Mission Board had reinforced them and their colleagues around the world by adding 220 persons to the overseas staff, adopting a \$25,000,000 budget for 1966, taking steps to improve both missionary recruitment and training, and beginning a creative study of mission philosophy and policy which is expected to have continuing and far-reaching impact.

All of this is part of the Board's new program of advance, now in its second year. The goal is 5,000 missionaries as soon as possible in as many countries as possible, an annual income sufficient to support them, and greater depth in every aspect of their work.

The record 220 missionary additions in 1965 include 149 appointed for career service, seven reappointed, and 64 employed for limited periods of (Continued on page 2)

Garaywa To Host VBS Clinic

The 1966 State Vacation Bible School Clinic will be held Jan. 31 - Feb. 2 at Camp Garaywa, Clinton, according to Bryant Cummings, secretary of the Sunday School Department, sponsoring agency.

The program will begin Monday afternoon and adjourn Wednesday morning at 11:00 o'clock.

All associations are invited to send a team of workers to the clinic, returning to their local associations to plan and present guidance in the association's VBS clinic for workers from the various churches in the association.

The association VBS teams should be represented by a team leader, including Nursery, Beginner, Primary, Junior and Intermediate conference leaders. These team representatives are being selected on the basis of experience and capability in particular age group work in their local churches.

Dr. Charles F. Treadway, of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee, will lead the conference for team leaders.

Other leaders will include: Intermediate, Mrs. Marvin Prude, Birmingham, Ala.; Junior, Mrs. Seibert Haley, Tulsa, Okla., author of the 1966 Junior textbook; Primary, Mrs. Maynard Hadley, Oklahoma City; Beginner, (Continued on page 2)

Mission Gifts In Slight Drop

Mississippi Baptist Cooperative Program receipts for December totaled \$218,192.56, a loss of \$12,986.69 or 5.6% under the \$231,179.25 given in December a year ago.

Dr. Chester L. Quarles, executive secretary - treasurer, said that receipts thus far this convention year, Nov. 1-Dec. 31, totaled \$393,078.70.

This was a loss of \$32,502.62 or 7.6% under the \$425,581.32 contributed during the same period a year ago.

The Cooperative Program is the denomination's principal channel of mission giving and accounts for about two-thirds of the total mission gifts.

State Evangelistic Conference Set For Gulfshore February 7-9

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP NOW 123,307,449

NEW YORK (RNS) — Church and synagogue membership in the U. S. totaled 123,307,449 in 1964, an increase of "slightly less than 2 per cent" in a year when the population rose by less than 1.5 per cent.

The growth rate, which has perceptibly slowed down, marked the second consecutive year that religious affiliation grew faster than the population.

In 1963 the percentage gains were 2.6 for church membership and 1.5 for population, which was about the same as in 1964. In 1962 both gained 1.6 per cent, and in 1961 membership lagged a little behind the population growth.

In actual figures, the 1964 total of 123,307,449 represents a gain of about 2.3 million over 1963 membership and a record 64.4 per cent of the total population. This compares with 64 per cent in 1963, 63.4 per cent in 1961 and 1962, and 63.6 per cent in 1960.

The statistics, released by the National Council of Churches, are based on its 1966 Yearbook of American Churches published Jan. 7. They were compiled by the NEC's research department and are mainly for the 1964 calendar year or fiscal year ending in 1964.

Explaining that not all Churches use the same recording system or report each year, the editors warned that "numerical comparisons across institutional lines are not always meaningful."

The 1964 statistics are based on reports from 250 religious bodies in the 50 states and the District of Columbia. Of these 221 groups were Protestant, three fewer than reported the previous year.

A breakdown of the total membership shows that Protestants numbered 68,229,478—a gain of 2 per cent over 1963, and Roman Catholics, 45,640,619—up 1.7 per cent over the previous year.

(The Catholic Church counts as members all baptized persons, including infants; while most Protestant denominations count only those who have attained full membership, usually persons over 13.)

Statistics for other major bodies in 1964 were: Eastern Orthodox, 3,166,715; and Jews, 5,600,000. The number of Old Catholics, Polish National Catholics and Armenian Orthodox was given as 490,672; Buddhists — the count included those in Hawaii for the first time—totaled 109,965 as compared with 60,000 in 1963.

A yearbook table shows that Protestants made up 35.9 per cent of the U. S. population in 1964, 35.4 per cent in 1960, (Continued on Page 2)



Dr. Robert E. Naylor



Dr. E. J. Daniels



Dr. V. L. Stanfield

Life And Work Conference To Be Held Jan. 18

A statewide Baptist Life and Work Curriculum Interpretation Conference will be held at Woodland Hills Baptist Church in Jackson Jan. 18, it has been announced by Bryant Cummings, Sunday School secretary, coordinator.

The purpose of the meeting will be to provide a training, information and orientation session for representatives from the 77 associations in the state who will return and conduct similar conferences in the associations and churches.

Out-of-state program personalities will include Dr. J. Roger Skelton, of the Training Union Department of the Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.; Miss Laurella Owens, of the Woman's Missionary Union, Birmingham, and Don Morie, of the Brotherhood Commission, Memphis.

The principal closing inspirational speaker will be Dr. Chester L. Quarles, executive secretary - treasurer. Others on program will include leaders from the Baptist Building in Jackson.

The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. and adjourn at 2:40 p.m.

The associational teams are expected to include a coordinator, one other representative and the director of each of the following unit organizations: Sunday School, Training Union, WMU, Brotherhood and Church Music.

Mr. Cummings said that the Life and Work Curriculum is a new one that unifies the studies of the above organizational units and will be available as an additional or an alternate literature choice by the churches beginning in October.

SBC Budget Topped By \$2.7 Million

NASHVILLE (BP) — The Southern Baptist Convention exceeded its \$19.8 million budget for 1965 by more than \$2.7 million, making 1965 a record year of Baptist missions giving.

During 1965, a record \$22,570,857 was contributed to Baptist missions causes through the denomination's Cooperative Program budget.

Cooperative Program gifts exceeded 1964 contributions by \$1,679,221, an increase of 8.04 per cent, and topped the budget by a total of \$2,735,257.

The budget was reached on Nov. 16, and all receipts from then until Dec. 31 were divided two-thirds to foreign missions, and one-third to home missions.

Foreign missions got \$1,823,505 in missions advance funds, and home missions received an additional \$911,752.

Significantly, the record year of giving occurred during the 40th anniversary of the Cooperative Program, the

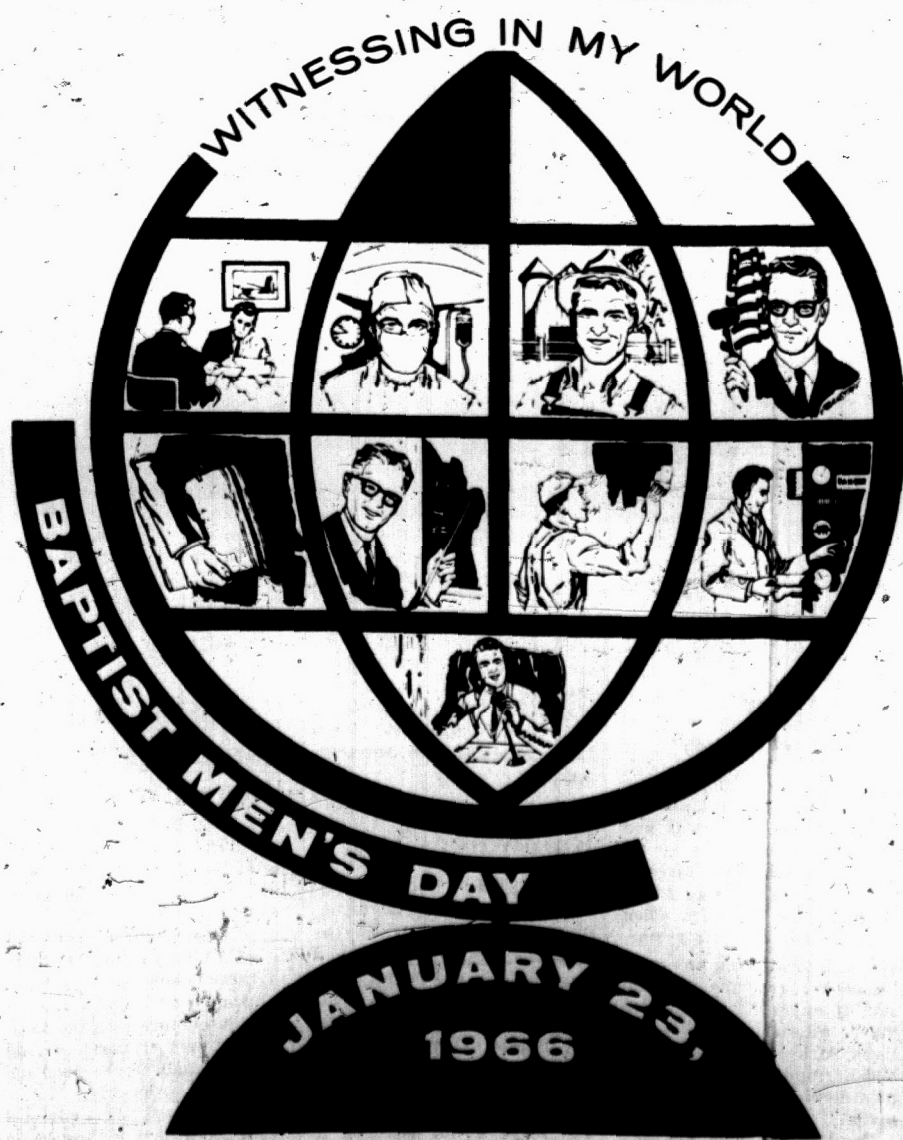
denomination's budget plan whereby churches give a percentage of their local contributions to be divided through the SBC budget to support Baptist work throughout the world.

The \$19.8 million budget provides funds for operations and capital needs of 13 Southern Baptist boards, commissions and agencies and six Southern Baptist seminaries.

In addition to the record \$22½ million given undesignated through the Cooperative Program budget, more than \$17.1 million was given to designated Southern Baptist causes during 1965.

The \$17,107,049 to designated causes represents an increase of \$1,147,224 over designated gifts of 1964, an increase of 7.19 per cent.

With total undesignated and designated gifts combined, a whopping \$39,677,907 was given to Southern Baptist (Continued on page 2)



CHURCHES TO SPOTLIGHT MEN—The emphasis will be on witnessing at work as an estimated 15,000 churches honor their men on Baptist Men's Day, January 23, 1966. The event is sponsored by the Brotherhood Commission, SBC, and State Brotherhood Department.

Problems Seen In School Bill

WASHINGTON, D. C. — (POAU) — Regulations under Titles I and II of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 issued recently highlight the church-state involvement in administration of the Act, according to an article in a national magazine published here.

In at least one instance, the article reports, the regulations were drawn in such a way that disregard for a suggestion in the Senate Report on the Act appeared seemingly deliberate.

"Church & State," monthly publication of Americans United for Separation of Church and State, published in its January issue an analysis of the regulations issued by the Office of Education of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare.

Some regulations under Title II were too loosely drawn, according to the article. Title II of the Act pertains to the acquisition of school library resources, textbooks, and other instructional materials for the use of children and teachers in public and private (including parochial) elementary and secondary schools.

According to the magazine article, "Not mentioned anywhere in the regulations is the concept of a 'central library system' stressed in the Senate Report."

"In its report the Senate Committee on Labor and Public Welfare suggested that the State plans implementing this Title might seek to utilize or establish a central public depository within a school district or within an area to serve more than one school district from which all elementary and secondary school children and teachers could check out library resources, textbooks, and other instructional materials." The Senate Report indicated that such procedures would assure the State authority an appropriate accounting for the use of the material and its proper return for reassignment."

Southern Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky, founded in 1859, employs one of the largest seminary faculties in the world. More than 70 men and women teach in the seminary's schools of theology, religious education, and church music.

"Spiritual Grace" Emphasis Planned By Japan Baptists

Rev. Masao Kawaguchi, secretary of the department of evangelism of the Japan Baptist Convention, visited Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board headquarters in Richmond, Va., just before the Christmas holidays to confer with Dr. Baker J. Cauten, executive secretary of the Board, Dr. Winston Crawley, secretary for the Orient, and Rev. Joseph B. Underwood, consultant in evangelism and church development, concerning plans for a "spiritual grace" emphasis in the churches of Japan in October, 1966, and April, 1967.

This different approach to evangelism will stress the day-to-day opportunities for Christian witnessing which are available to Japan Baptists. Meetings will be held in the Baptist churches and missions, and all effort will be keyed to the idea of perennial evangelism.

Directing evangelistic services in the churches will be teams of preachers and laymen, including musicians. Some of these will be Southern Baptists invited by the Japan Baptist Convention, but most of the preachers will be Japanese so that sermons will not need translation.

Comparing the coming effort with that of the New Life Movement, which culminated in a nationwide evangelistic campaign in 1963, Mr. Kawaguchi said both are important, but that now the emphasis is to be on "the work of the Holy Spirit" in the lives of the members of the churches of Japan. "When church members are strengthened to make witness themselves, then the special great meetings will not be so necessary," he explained.



LIFE AND WORK CURRICULUM EXPLAINED: Representatives of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, Brotherhood Commission, and Woman's Missionary Union explain the denomination's new correlated Life and Work Curriculum to two state Baptist workers who attended an orientation session in Nashville recently. Allen H. Meeks of the Alaska Baptist Convention (left) and Sue Saito of the Hawaii Baptist Convention (right) get information about the new curriculum from (center, left to right) Miss Billie Fate of the SBC Woman's Missionary Union staff in Birmingham, Roy Jennings of the SBC Brotherhood Commission in Memphis, and Howard P. Colson of the Sunday School Board in Nashville. (BP Photo)

State Baptists Face Decade

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small children.

In summarizing this part of the study it was shown that the open country areas are the most unchurched sections, followed by the large central cities.

Third Part Pointed

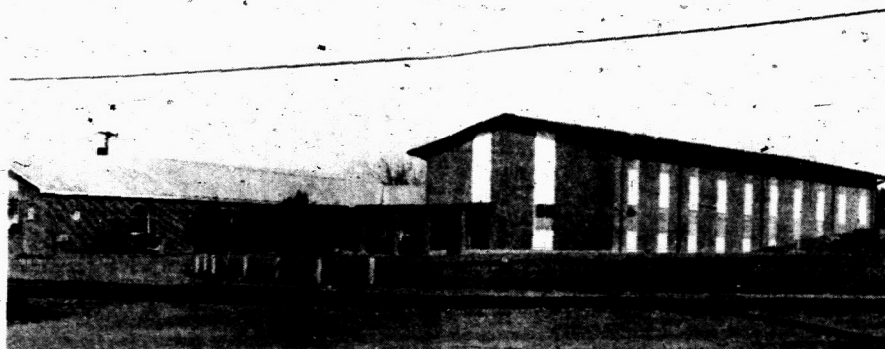
The third part of the study, which produced the 565,000 projected figure, was presented as a result of a consultation with experts at the Mississippi Agricultural and Industrial Board, the Mississippi Employment Security Commission, the Mississippi Research Center and Mississippi State University Agricultural Experiment Station.

The projection showed that by 1975 the northeast TVA Area would probably have a larger white population than the Jackson metropolitan area.

The study pointed out that the system of inter-state highways would have a major influence upon the growth of any area as "many rural people who must seek non-farm jobs can remain in the country if they can drive to work."

The study predicts that areas remote from employment centers "will continue to empty" causing many rural churches to decline in membership, some to disband and others to seek consolidation.

The projection further reveals that by 1975 there would be 1914 churches in the convention compared to the 1839 in 1964.



McDowell Rd. To Dedicate New Building

The dedication service will be held at McDowell Road Church, Jackson, Sunday, January 16 at 1:30 p.m. for a new educational building. Rev. Bill Causey, pastor of Parkway Church, Jackson, will bring the dedicatory message.

The new two-story educational building has over 10,000 square feet of space. The first floor provides for a Young People, Young Married People and Young Adult Department, with a Fellowship Hall and a kitchen with two dining areas.

The second floor has seven large open space rooms, providing for the Primary and Beginner Departments and week day activities in the church Kindergarten and Day Nursery School.

The architects for the new building were Cooke - Douglas-Farr.

The church building committee was composed of George Fortenberry, Chairman, Joe Bryant, Cecil Wade, J. D. McGuire, Henry Vaughn, H. A. McDaniel, Glen Jones, E. J. Pennington, Clyde McNeill and R. P. Williams.

The Building Finance Committee was composed of Leroy Schilling, Chairman, A. C. Owens, Jeff Pigford, C. M. Carter, G. W. Gwynes, J. D. Williams and Jack McInnis.

The Furnishing Committee was composed of W. J. Hardy, Chairman, Mrs. Robert L. McReynolds, Mrs. Gene Hartzog, Mrs. Cecil Ivey and Mrs. Billy Myers.

The church has a certified Kindergarten with Mrs. C. S. Sykes, Director, and Mrs. E. J. Miller and Mrs. Van

Brooks, teachers. In connection with the opening of the new building, the church has started a Day Nursery School ministry providing for ages infant through 5 years. Mrs. R. P. Williams

is the Director, with Mrs. Jeff Pigford, Mrs. Marlene Myers, Mrs. Cecil Wade, Mrs. James Waddell and Mrs. T. C. Cowan, workers. Rev. John C. Hilbun is pastor.

Prayer Requested For 1966 Crusades

"Prayer support is the supreme need for our evangelistic campaign," writes Dr. Richard C. Henderson, Southern Baptist missionary to Ghana. Chairman of the national Baptist convention's evangelism committee, he is helping plan city-wide crusades to be held throughout the country during February.

In the months that follow, special evangelistic crusades will also be held by Baptists in countries of Latin America and the Orient. Rev. Joseph B. Underwood, consultant in evangelism and church development for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, appeals to Southern Baptists for continuous intercession in behalf of all these endeavors.

The countries and crusade dates are as follows: Ghana, February 6-27; Costa Rica, March 1-31; Trinidad, March 6-27; Jamaica, October 1-31; Venezuela, October 9-November 4; and Japan, October, 1966, and April, 1967.

Prayer is also requested for the Asia Sunday School Crusade to be held by Baptists in eight countries during 1966. With 40 Southern Baptist specialists in religious education and church development participating, the crusade is designed to assist and stimulate Baptist churches of the various countries in their teaching function.

Church Membership

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33.8 per cent in 1950, and 27 per cent in 1956. Meanwhile, Catholics increased from 16 per cent in 1926 to 23.3 per cent in 1960 and to 23.9 per cent in 1964.

A separate table prepared by the American Institute of Public Opinion, included in the yearbook, indicates that church attendance has been slowly, but steadily, declining since 1958. These annual figures, based on a national sam-

ple of adults for one Sunday, remained at 47 per cent from 1950 to 1961, dropped to 46 per cent in 1962 and 1963, and went to 45 per cent in 1964. The all-time attendance high was 49 per cent in 1958.

Another table traces church membership as a percentage of population since 1850, when it was 16 per cent. This percentage rose to 23 in 1960, declined to 18 in 1970, gained to 22 in 1890 and to 36 in 1900.

A U. S. Department of Commerce table shows a \$16 million increase in the value of new religious building—from \$985,000,000 in 1963 to \$1,011,000,000 in 1964.

The yearbook listed six denominations with membership exceeding three million in 1964. These were the Southern Baptist Convention, 10,598,429; The Methodist Church, 10,304,184; National Baptist Convention, U. S. A., Inc., (Negro), 5,500,000; Protestant Episcopal Church, 3,340,759; United Presbyterian Church, 3,292,204; and Lutheran Church in America, 3,131,062.

Rainwater New Georgia Assistant

ATLANTA (BP) — W. L. Rainwater, pastor of the Lakewood Heights Baptist Church here, has been named assistant to the executive secretary-treasurer of the Georgia Baptist Convention with offices here.

Rainwater, pastor of the Atlanta church for 13 years, will serve as an assistant to Searcy S. Garrison in the area of cooperative missions work.

CHURCH GROWTH PLAN SET FOR PRESENTATION AT SBC

NASHVILLE — The Church Growth Plan is slated for a one-hour presentation at the Southern Baptist Convention May 24-27, 1966, in Detroit. SBC president Wayne Dehoney announced Nov. 5 at the closing session of the Sunday School Board's At-Home Week.

This plan was presented to the entire group of approximately 850 Nashville Board employees by Dr. A. V. Washburn, secretary of the Board's Sunday school department and his associates, as well as those in the supporting departments, Training Union, church music and church architecture.

The Church Growth Plan, which includes and grows out of the current Adult Thrust, Year II, is a strategy for using the Sunday school to lead in reaching prospects

for the church, with a major emphasis on reaching adults. The plan involves all church program organizations — Sunday school, Training Union, Woman's Missionary Union, Brotherhood, and music ministry — in an organized, concentrated effort to help a church reach all of its prospects.

Dr. Dehoney said that the Church Growth Plan can be "the beginning of the greatest era of growth in Southern Baptist history, and it starts at the Sunday School Board." "The Sunday school is the basis of all church growth. All facets of church life begin at the base of the Sunday school to reach people."

"This program hinges upon your involvement in it," Dr. Dehoney told the SSB employees. He further challenged them to make a personal commitment to "reaching people."

"Unless this happens," he said, "the Church Growth Plan will be to no avail." He urged that everyone feel a "call to a sense of commitment and dedication."

Dr. Dehoney gave examples of churches that have no Church Growth Plan, no program, no plans, "but with their Christian devotion they have done so much."

Hays Named To New U.S. Job

WASHINGTON (BP) — President Johnson has announced his intention to appoint Brooks Hays, former president of the Southern Baptist Convention, as associate director of the Community Relations Service sometime in January.

Bill D. Moyers, presidential press secretary, said that this is a new position designated by the President. The duties of the new office were not outlined at the time of the announcement. The appointment does not require Senate confirmation.

The Community Relations Service was established in the Commerce Department under the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to help cities adjust to the requirements of the Act in an orderly manner.

Posthumous Degree Honors Dick Norton

A total of 111 degrees will be awarded at Southwestern Seminary on January 20, including the first doctorate ever to be awarded posthumously by the seminary.

Richard E. Norton, director of student activities at the seminary, had completed most of the work on his dissertation before his death August 30. The School of Theology recommended that the doctor of theology degree be granted posthumously.

Mrs. Richard Norton, the former Doris Dickerson, before her marriage was a member of the staff of First Church, Jackson, Miss. She is now director of student activities at the seminary.

Rivers Moves

Rev. C. E. Rivers has resigned the pastorate of the Antioch Church in Lawrence County to accept the pastorate of the Crooked Creek Church in the same county. On December 27, the men of Crooked Creek helped their pastor to move into their church parsonage.

On the following Wednesday night, after prayer service, the church members gave Rev. and Mrs. Rivers and their three children, Denson, David, and Rachel, a surprise visit and pantry pounding.

Coleman Clarke Improving After Being Wounded

Rev. Coleman Clarke, Southern Baptist missionary to Japan, who was attacked and stabbed by a Japanese student in his home recently, is scheduled to be released from the Tokyo Hospital within three weeks.

Local friends who have been in contact with the family received reports saying that his chances are good for a complete recovery.

Mrs. Clarke, who collapsed from shock, is much improved and is scheduled to be released from the hospital within a week.



Dr. Charles F. Treadway



Mrs. Seibert Haley

Garaywa To...

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Mrs. W. H. Souther, New Orleans Seminary; Nursery, Mrs. J. E. Morrow, Jr., Jackson.

Personnel from the state Sunday school department will include Miss Carolyn Madison, Dennis E. Conniff, Jr., Rev. Judd Allen, Rev. Bill Duncan, Mrs. Roy Womack and Mrs. Jim Nix.

SBC Budget...

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missions causes during 1965.

Total Given
The combined total represents an increase of \$2,826,447 over total missions gifts of 1964.

Baptist officials here expect total church contributions for the year to well exceed the \$100 million mark. For the first time last year, total contributions by the churches topped \$100 million, and the 1965 contributions will probably be even greater.

The largest Aeolian-Skinner pipe organ in the South is located in the beautiful Alumni Memorial Chapel at the Southern Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky.

POAU LEADER TO SPEAK AT VAN WINKLE

Gioele Settembrini, representing POAU, will speak on "Religious Liberty and the m. worship service, Sunday, m. worship service, Sunday, January 16, at Van Winkle Church, Jackson.

At the evening service, beginning at 7:30 p.m., he will speak on "Church-State Separation, Secret of America's Greatness."

Mr. Settembrini will also speak at 3 p.m. that those who are involved in other morning and evening worship services may have the opportunity to hear him, states Rev. Herman Milner, Van Winkle pastor.

Christian Action Commission To Name Director

In a Jan. 4 meeting of the Christian Action Commission, of the State Convention with all members present, the following were elected to serve as officers during the current year: Chairman: Rev. Eldie F. Hicks, Waynesboro; associate chairman, Rev. Lloyd A. Sparkman, Biloxi; secretary: W. B. Rives, Jackson.

Two items of special interest and importance were acted upon. A personnel committee was named and charged with the responsibility of recommending to the full commission a director to head up the work of the commission. The committee is composed of Dr. Samuel Shepard, Tupelo, chairman; O. Trenor, Houston; Rev. James Walker, Flora.

Committee on public morals was named. Mr. Sparkman, Biloxi, is chairman and serving with him is Rev. Rowe Holcomb, Hazelhurst, and Mr. W. B. Rives.



REV. MASAO KAWAGUCHI (left), of Japan, met with Orient Secretary Winston Crawley (right) and other executives at Foreign Mission Board headquarters in Richmond, Va., to discuss plans for a "spiritual grace" emphasis in Japan. Mr. Kawaguchi is secretary of the department of evangelism of the Japan Baptist Convention.

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service (14 missionary associates, four special project nurses, and 46 missionary journeymen). They bring the total overseas staff of Southern Baptists to 2,070, assigned to 61 countries.

The number of countries is five more than this time last year. During 1965 missionaries took up residence in Austria and Libya and entered language study in preparation for work in the Ivory Coast. A couple were appointed for work among Americans in Ankara, Turkey—if visas and residence permits can be secured. And Singapore, already a mission station, was added to the list of countries when it separated from Malaysia.

The Board paved the way for further geographic expansion by approving the stationing of missionaries in South-West Africa, Morocco, Iran, and Bermuda although no appointments have yet been made.

The 1966 budget of \$25,282,552.55 is \$251,509.79 more than that of the previous year.

First Ghanaian Pastor Ordained

Joshua Antwi Agyei-Boadi, Baptist pastor and teacher in the Ghana Baptist Seminary, Abukwa, has become the first Ghanaian Baptist to be ordained to the ministry.

His ordination took place at the Baptist church in his home, village, Sefwi-Bekwai.

A poorly wrapped package helped lead Mr. Boadi to Christ. Thirteen years ago, when he was a postal agent in Sefwi-Bekwai, a tract based on the 53rd chapter of Isaiah fell out of a package. He read it, came to a personal knowledge of Christ as Saviour, and began attending the local Baptist church. There he came to the attention of the late Rev. Homer R. Littleton, who, through correspondence, helped him grow in his spiritual life. (Mr. and Mrs. Littleton were the first Southern Baptist missionaries to Ghana.)

\$8,000 Gift Invested For Student Center

A gift of \$8,000 for the proposed Baptist Student Center at the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg has been received by the Foundation of First Church, Hattiesburg. The gift will be held by the Foundation and invested until construction of the Student Center begins.

According to Dr. Clyde C. Bryan, pastor, this gift was made by people who recognize the increasing need to enlarge the ministry to Baptist students on State owned campuses. More Baptists are on the campus at USM alone than on the campus of all Baptist operated colleges combined — and yet the very minimal budget and facilities are provided for their spiritual needs, according to Dr. Bryan.

The donors requested that the Foundation of the Hattiesburg church invest the funds and give all dividends to the B. S. U. program at USM to be used for an enlarged activity calendar for the students.

It is the hope of the donors that this initial gift will focus attention on the needs at the University of Southern Mississippi and will encourage others to make contributions which will expedite the construction program of the Student Center. Recently the Board of the Mississippi Baptist Convention purchased additional properties adjoining the campus. The enlargement of the campus will eventually place the Baptist Student Center in the center of campus life. The BSU is now operating in a residence on this property.

The donors of this initial gift are Mr. and Mrs. John D. Thomas. One daughter has graduated from USM and another is now in college in Texas. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas work with college age groups in First Church, Hattiesburg.

Off The Record

One day the principal of Mike's school was making an inspection of the pupils' hands. When he got to Mike, he looked at the boy's very dirty right hand and remarked, "Mike, if I can find a dirtier hand in this school, I won't punish you."

Calmly, Mike raised his left hand.

The boy scout remarked at the breakfast table, "I've already done my good deed for the day." His father replied, "You've been very quick about it."

"Yes, but it was easy," replied the boy. "I saw Mr. Smith going for the 7:45 train and he was afraid he'd miss it. So I let the bulldog loose."

After a recent Texas flood a newcomer arrived in heaven and in true Texas style started telling about the great disaster. In the midst of his story one of the listeners yawned and walked away. The Texan, offended, asked, "Who was that?"

"Oh," replied another, "that was only Noah."



PARKHILL DEDICATES ANNEX—On December 12, Parkhill Church, Jackson, dedicated an educational annex which will accommodate the Young People, Intermediate, and Junior Departments. The estimated value of the new structure is \$30,000. The pastor, Rev. J. N. Gipson, preached the dedication sermon and then the congregation assembled in front of the new structure for the prayer of dedication, which was led by Rev. Ned Barrett. Record attendance was reached for the day, with 317 in Sunday school and 180 in Training Union.



NOTE BURNING, GROUND BREAKING—Sunday, December 12, members of Calvary Church, Belzoni, gathered in front of the old building for a note burning ceremony (top photo), celebrating clearing of debt on their pastorate, and for a ground breaking ceremony (bottom photo), beginning construction of a \$20,000 sanctuary. Rev. Gerald Porter is pastor.

JUST IN TIME - - -

By Mrs. Ralph C. Bethea
Missionary
Serving in Tanzania

One beautiful night last summer, as we sat around a safari campfire, under the incredibly clear African skies, we began quoting great passages from the Bible, including those that outline God's plan of salvation. The bellow face of Redmon, the lithe African game scout, lighted up in the dwindling flames as visiting members of our family spoke of the beauty of repentance and of our Heavenly Father's forgiving love.

Judge John W. McCall, of Memphis, Tenn., our clan's 80-year-old patriarch, quoted quietly, "I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day." He added, "I am not afraid to die." (Judge McCall is Mrs. Bethea's father.)

He turned to Redmon, sitting beside him, and asked if he believed in Jesus. The answer came earnestly, from the hunger's heart, "Yes, I believe in Jesus as my Saviour and Lord."

Redmon then told us of his hunting experiences, of how he had killed 38 elephants, becoming seasoned and crafty after he overcame his fear of the ferocity of the wounded animals.

A few days after our safari Redmon was called to shoot some rogue elephants that were destroying gardens and houses. He quickly tracked and located the leader. His

Edmondson New Judson Head
MORRISON, Ala. (BP)—The Board of trustees for Judson College here elected James H. Edmondson of Birmingham, Ala., as the eighteenth president of the Baptist college for women.

Edmondson, a former educational consultant, businessman and Baptist educator, has for the past year served as vice president of the Birmingham Exchange Security Bank. For four years previously he was executive vice president of the Alabama Association of Independent Colleges.

A Baptist deacon, Edmondson was administrative vice president of Ouachita Baptist University, Arkadelphia, Ark., for six years. He joined the Ouachita faculty in 1951 as chairman of the division of business administration.

first heavy bullet crashed into the animal's shoulder, and the second, hitting perhaps too far back, infuriated him. The third blast failed to bring down the hurricane of wild wrath that the beast had become.

Then, in consternation, Redmon realized he had loaded only three shells before handing his cartridge belt to a companion. And, he found that the other man had fled, taking the extra shells.

In fatal error, he called for ammunition. The elephant's sharp ears located the hunter for his shortsighted eyes. Tons of dynamically agile animal gave no chance to the small, brave man. That evening the crushed and lifeless form of our guide was placed in a Land Rover by shocked and silent fellow scouts.

How we thanked God that his word had been spoken in testimony that night around the safari campfire, while Redmon's sharp mind and strong body were alive and responsive to the message of our Saviour's love.

State Native Writes Broadman Press Book



J. E. Sullivan

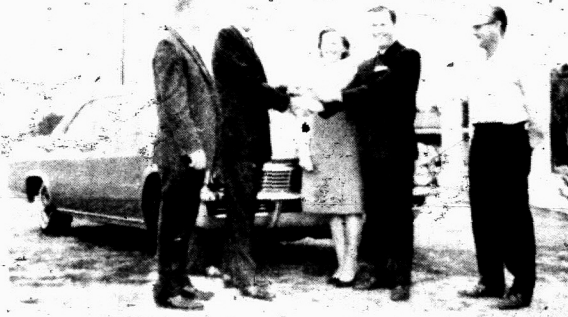
NASHVILLE — Dr. James L. Sullivan, a native of Tyler, Texas, is author of "Memos for Christian Living" released Jan. 3 by Broadman Press.

Dr. Sullivan is presently serving as executive secretary of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville.

"Memos for Christian Living" is a collection of 28 messages which originally appeared in Dr. Sullivan's column in the BSSB's publication "News Letter." The messages are on The Christian Christian Leadership. "Memos for Christian Living" is one of three first quarter, Christian Education and ter 1966 Broadman Readers Plan books which will be available at the Jackson Baptist Book Store for \$1.50 each. For information about membership in Broadman Readers Plan (a year's subscription of 12 books for \$10.50, or three books a quarter for \$3) write: Broadman Readers Plan, Baptist Sunday School Board, 127 Ninth Ave. N., Nashville, Tenn. 37203.



DR. CHARLES A. MCGLON, professor of speech and homiletics at Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky., for 23 years, has given his extensive personal collection of books and plays to the Seminary's Centennial Library. It amounts to quite a gift—800 volumes, including many out-of-print editions of plays and journals, most of which are now collector's items and will increase in value over the years. The acquisition will make Southern Seminary's speech and preaching materials second to none in their field.



REV. HARRIS COUNCE, JR., pastor of Emmanuel Church, Grenada, received a Christmas surprise when church members and community friends presented to him a new Chevrolet Impala, in appreciation of his four years' service at Emmanuel. From left to right, above, presenting car keys to the Counce, are: Cled Gregory; R. C. Brown, Mrs. Counce; Pastor Counce; and B. H. Mooneyham. Since January 2, 1962, there have been 502 additions at Emmanuel, 211 for baptism. The church plant has doubled in size. The Airport mission was begun, and is now a fully organized church. Emmanuel has in recent years ordained four to the ministry and licensed two.

What Kind Are You?

Some Christians are like wheel barrows—not good unless pushed. Some are like canoes—they need to be paddled. Some are like kites—if you don't keep a string on them they fly away. Some are like kittens—they are contented when petted. Some are like balloons—full of wind and likely to blow up unless handled carefully. Some are like footballs—you can't tell which way they are going to bounce next. Some are like trailers—not good unless pulled. Some are filled with the Spirit—thank God for these! "The Main Street Baptist"

Baptist Dreams Become Reality

Three busloads of Baptists from Madrid, plus other delegations from Alicante, Murcia, Elche, and Jativa, helped the Baptists of Albacete, Spain, inaugurate their new church building on December 5.

The celebration lasted all day, with a light luncheon and two hours of singing and recreation in the afternoon, but the official ceremony began at five o'clock. The auditorium aisles and the vestibule were filled with chairs, and still many people had to stand.

In the atmosphere of "quiet beauty and reverence" inspired by the auditorium, long, slender windows of blue, white, and orange glass "seemed to shed a soft glow of thankfulness and worship over the heads of the congregation," says Mrs. Charles W. Whitten, Southern Baptist missionary. Scripture texts adorn the walls: "God is love," "God is faithful," "For by grace are ye saved through faith," "Not of works, lest any man should boast," "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature," "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved."

"There was a feeling of rejoicing and heart-satisfaction among all present," says Mrs. Whitten. "At least some of the dreams of the past have become a shining reality in Spain."

18th CENTURY BAPTIST PRESS— REVIVAL SPARKS GROWTH DESPITE PERSECUTION

DOVER, Va. May 28, 1775 (BP) — The rapid growth of Separate Baptist churches in Virginia despite severe persecution was cited yesterday at the meeting of the Virginia Separate Baptist Association being held in Dover.

Col. Samuel Harriss was elected moderator, and John Waller and John Williams were chosen to be clerks.

Statistics revealed that in 1770 there were only six Separate Baptist churches in Virginia, but now there are 60 congregations of that denomination sending church letters to the association. This great revival has prospered in spite of the active opposition of the Anglican clergy and the local law enforcement officers.

Several Separate Baptist preachers have been beaten, scourged and imprisoned. Many persons have been converted to these new views by the impassioned plea of the preachers before their persecutors.

It is altogether fitting that Harriss should be chosen moderator for the fifth consecutive year. Since his conversion to the Separate Baptist position, he has preached all across the state and has established many new preaching points. Among his compatriots he has earned the title of "the Apostle of Virginia."

Separate Baptist work in Virginia began as a result of the missionary activity of the Sandy Creek Church in North Carolina.

The most notable convert to the Separate Baptist view has been Col. Harriss. He was born into a prominent home in Hanover County, Va., in 1724. By the time he was 34 years of age, he had served as church warden, sheriff,

justice of the peace, colonel of the county and captain and commissary of Ft. Mayo.

Surprise was registered when Harriss attended a preaching service being held in a private house by the Murphy brothers of North Carolina. He was a fine figure in his military uniform, but by the conclusion of the sermon, he had removed his sword and was on his knees.

Those who came to his side found him unconscious, but he soon arose shouting, "Glory, glory, glory!", and professing an experience of grace. He was baptized by Daniel Marshall, a transplanted Connecticut Yankee and energetic Baptist evangelist.

Harriss was made a ruling elder in 1759, and the Dan River Baptist Church was constituted in his home in 1760. Since his ordination as an itinerant evangelist in 1769, the growth of the Baptists in Virginia has been greatly accelerated.

Many young men who have professed conversion have followed the example of Harriss and have been copying his preaching. Since 1768 many of these untutored preachers have been imprisoned by the magistrates for delivering unauthorized sermons.

However, it would appear that where the persecution has been most severe, Baptist growth has been greatest. Their success has been attributed to clean moral living, zeal, and warm hearted preaching.

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Memorial Organ

The Department of Church Music has launched a drive to complete the campaign to place an organ at Gulfshore as a memorial to the late W. C. Morgan, who served for several years as Secretary of the Department of Church Music of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, and died in 1964.

The full story was told in last week's issue of the Record, and an advertisement concerning the drive is found in this week's issue.

Shortly after Mr. Morgan's death friends began to send gifts for such a memorial organ fund, and about \$1600.00 has been accumulated. Now it is the purpose of the Music Department, under Mr. Dan Hall's leadership, to complete the campaign, and install the organ for use beginning this year.

This is a most worthy program, and we are sure that hundreds of friends will want to have part. Gifts from just a few hundred of those who knew and loved Claude Morgan, quickly will complete the task. There are thousands of Mississippi Baptists, young and old, whose lives were touched by Mr. Morgan's ministry. Every one of them should want to have at least a small part in this memorial.

One of the finest electronic organs available today, has been contracted for, and through the courtesy of a fine Baptist dealer in the state, has been made available at the lowest possible cost.

This instrument will serve the thousands who come to Gulfshore each year, for many years to come. It

will be used not only for the music weeks, but for every meeting held at the assembly.

Mr. Morgan loved Gulfshore, and no man promoted its work more effectively, or used its facilities more fully.

It is most fitting that a memorial to this beloved Mississippi leader, be placed at Gulfshore. It is fitting, too, that all of us share in providing it.

GUEST EDITORIAL

By Immersion

from Church and State (Washington)

You can't tell Baptists anything. They have their own ideas. They do what they think is right.

We have never known Baptists to be unanimous on anything. But on this issue of accepting government money for their colleges they come about as close to it as you will ever find this side of heaven. The story beginning on Page 6 tells how one convention after another rejected the proffered Federal aid in thunderous crescendo.

It cost them money, bushels of it, which the Federal Government was begging them to take. They turned down millions—not casually, for their schools need support—but after prolonged and grim debate. They will cut their institutions back if necessary rather than accept government financing and control.

The Seventh-day Adventists have done the same. They did it deliberately, with their eyes open. They knew very well what a bonanza government aid would have been. They looked the thing in the eye and said, "No."

The Baptists and the Adventists will renew the faith of many who were about to lose it. One hardly expects ordinary groups to reject the government gold so universally available. Their leaders are only human.

Money will not lie around long without takers.

But the churches ought to be different. There should be in them that which refuses to be bought or bribed. Where others quickly succumb they should hold firm.

The Baptists and the Adventists have now done just that. They have rejected the easy money for their institutions in order to keep them free and voluntary.

What if all other churches would do as they have done? What if they all told the United States Government to take the money and help some other poor folks? We believe that the churches would instantly regain a large measure of the popular respect and esteem which has been slipping away in recent years.

It would rather neatly demonstrate that the churches are interested in something else besides money.

We Salute This Action

News releases reveal that the Walgreen Drug chain has just reaffirmed its "clean literature campaign." The vice-president of the chain has announced that Walgreen's will not offer an indecent book, best seller or not.

The plan is simple. Each distributor of books is supplied with a list of titles the stores will not sell. In case one slips through, it is the responsibility of the store manager to remove it.

We salute this major business group for this action. If all stores where books are sold would do the same, much of America's problem of indecent books would be solved. The books might still be available but they would be much more difficult to procure, and would not get into nearly so many hands.

We like the drug chain executive's statement "The focus of our business is good health; and we take pride in following this same aim in our book and magazine racks."



Sunsets for Sale
Suppose that people had to pay

To see a sunset's crimson play,
And the magic stars of the Milky Way.

Suppose it was fifty cents a night
To see the great moon's saffron light
Or watch a gull in its graceful flight.

Suppose God charged us for flowers and rain,
Put a purchase price on a bird's glad strain
Of Music—the dawn mist on the plain:

How much would an autumn landscape cost?
Or a window etched with winter frost,
And the rainbow's glory so quickly lost?

How much I wonder would it be worth
To smell the good, brown fragrant earth
In Spring? The miracle of birth.

And love? How much would people pay
For the laugh of a child at close of day:
Suppose God charged us for them, I say?

Suppose we paid for a glimpse of hills
For the song of rippling mountain rills
And the mating song of the whip-poor-wills;

For curving green breakers in the sea,
For grace and beauty and majesty,
And all those things God gives us free.

Ah, what a poor return for these
We yield at night on bended knees
Forgetting thanksgiving—mumbling pleas.

Ignoring the moonlight across the floor,
The voice of a friend at the open door,
We beg the Master for more—and more!

Calendar of Prayer

(This list is not compiled according to birthdays.)

January 17—Ray Luper, faculty, Carey College; Mrs. Edwin McNeely, faculty, Clarke College.

January 18—E. A. Haarala, Jackson County Brotherhood president; Everett Reaves, staff, Children's Village.

January 19—Mrs. W. E. Hannah, state WMU president; Harold St. Gemme, BSU director, Jackson.

January 20—Clarence Mayo, Neshoba County Sunday school superintendent; Mrs. Farrell Boyd, faculty, Mississippi College.

January 21—Mike Everett, Baptist Building; Lynda Ashley, Baptist Building.

January 22—Melvin Alford, faculty, Blue Mountain College; W. B. Boatner, Winston association's supt. of missions.

January 23—Alvin R. Smith, Zion association's supt. of missions; Janet Burge, faculty, Gilroy School of Nursing.

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PERSPECTIVE

FRIENDLINESS IN THE PEW

What attracts people to a church—a convenient location? Yes. A good speaker in the pulpit? Yes. Inspiring music? Yes. An attractive building? Yes.

But a key element in attracting visitors, newcomers, and prospective members is friendliness in the pews. Where there is a warm, dynamic congregation with an enthusiasm that is contagious, visitors in large numbers are usually found.

A church can buy many advantages with money. These include a well-located, comfortable building, trained leadership, top quality advertising, and an abundance of recreational, educational, and social activities. But good old-fashioned friendliness, of which the world is sorely in need, is not for sale. It comes only from the hearts of dedicated people who love the Lord and enjoy helping others to feel at home in their church.

Here are five simple steps to a friendlier church: (1) Speak to the other person first. Don't wait for someone else to take the initiative. (2) If you don't know him, introduce yourself. (3) Wear a pleasant expression. If you have to be grumpy and sour, do it somewhere besides at church. A great church was never built on frowns. (4) Take Will Rogers' testimony as your motto, "I never met a man I didn't like." (5) Memorize and practice Proverbs 18:24, "A man that hath friends must show himself friendly."



CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMISSION, SBC

The Public Health Service has revealed that deaths from chronic bronchitis and emphysema have increased from 2,300 in 1945 to 19,443 in 1963. In a few years, says PHS, the lung ailment, emphysema, has become second only to heart disease as a cause of disability. The Social Security Administration pays more than \$60 million a year to men disabled by emphysema. (The rising toll of these and other lung diseases are frequently linked to cigarette smoking.)

A UPI report states that more than 100,000 members of the Soviet Communist Party have been expelled in the past three years. A Party publication linked the expulsions to the abuse of Party membership for personal advantage, embezzlement, alcoholism and "undignified behavior in private life." After purging its rolls, the Party now consists of almost 12 million members and candidates—an elite group considering the country's total population of 229 million. Question: How many Southern Baptists would have their names taken off church rolls if such disciplinary standards were applied?

Haven In A Storm



BAPTIST BELIEFS

By Herschel H. Hobbs
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JESUS' CHOICE OF A HERO

"And a certain Samaritan... had compassion on him" (Luke 10:33).

The parable of the Good Samaritan was given in answer to a Jewish lawyer's question, "And who is my neighbor?" A certain man, presumably a Jew, was left on the road robbed, naked, and beaten. Two Jews, a priest and a Levite, "passed by on the other side" (antiparallelism). This double compound verb comes from anti, over against, para, alongside, and erchomai, come. They came alongside the man, but went to the other side to pass in order to avoid ceremonial pollution. But a compassionate Samaritan came to him, rendered first-aid, and took him to an inn where through the night he took care of him. The next day he departed after leaving money to pay for his care, promising to return and pay for any other expense incurred during his convalescence.

In making the Samaritan the hero of the story, Jesus chose what was to a Jew the most unlikely person. Enmity between the Jews and Samaritans dated back to the division of the Israelite kingdom following Solomon's death. At the fall of the northern kingdom of Israel to the Assyrians, the choice Israelites were taken into captivity. Foreigners were brought in to intermarry with the remaining Israelites, producing the mixed race called Samaritans. Following the Babylonian captivity of the Jews (Judah), Samaritans opposed the rebuilding of Jerusalem. Ultimately a rival Samaritan temple was built on Mt. Gerizim. So the division between Jews and Samaritans had political, racial, and religious overtones. They had no intercourse between them (cf. Jn. 4:9). Jews travelling southward through Samaria toward

Judea were molested by the Samaritans.

Yet Jesus deliberately chose a Samaritan to depict neighborliness to a Jew. One wonders if the implication is not that the Samaritan was a Christian. For only the Spirit of God could overcome such enmity and prejudice.

When Jesus asked the Jewish lawyer which of the three characters was a neighbor, he gagged on the word "Samaritan." Instead he said, "The one doing the kindness with him" (v. 37, author's translation). Jesus said, "Go, and you keep on doing the same."

What a blow to prejudice this parable is! Had Jesus related this story today who would have been the hero? It is a question for our hearts to ponder.

Roger L. Shinn Assesses 'Death of God' Theology

NEW YORK, N.Y.—(RNS)—Death of God theologians have been given an "overblown importance" by the press, are "moderately important" to contemporary theological development, but have probably left God quite undisturbed by their denials of His existence.

This was the assessment given Religious News Service by Dr. Roger L. Shinn, dean of instruction and professor of applied Christianity at Union Theological Seminary here, of one of the most controversial theological trends in recent history.

Dr. Shinn pegged the death of God theologians at the far left of a new and creative ferment in theology that appears to be supplanting the neo-orthodoxy of recent generations.

NO EASY SALVATION by R. E. Glaze, Jr. (Broadman, 71 pp., paper \$1.25).

A Broadman Theological Monograph written by a professor of New Orleans Seminary, the book discusses the problem created by passages in the book of Hebrews which are interpreted by some to teach apostasy. The author takes the position that the book teaches the security of the believer, and not apostasy, and that, when properly interpreted, the disputed passages do not in any manner teach that the saved person can be lost. The author suggests that the book was addressed to Jewish Christians who were still lingering in a synagogue composed of a Christian majority and a non-Christian minority. Then, on the basis of this, he presents his exegesis of the questioned passages. The last chapter shows that security is easy. This is one of the most satisfactory discussions of these problems that we have seen.

THE WONDERFUL SAV- IOUR by Robert G. Lee (Zondervan, 139 pp., \$2.50).

Southern Baptist's "Prince of Preachers" presents a series of studies on the resurrection of Jesus Christ. With the deep devotion and love that he has for the Lord Jesus Christ the author pictures the Lord in wonderful word pictures. From his broad spectrum of knowledge he uses the Bible, history, science, art and other illustrative material to make the revelations he presents live in vivid realism. As one reads he is convinced of the reality of the resurrection, and then its rich and glorious meaning unfolds before him. This will be a worthwhile book to add to library of preacher or lay reader.

DRIFTWOOD by Evelyn C. Vinal (Young Publications, Appalachia, Virginia, 52 pp., \$3.00 hard back; \$1.50 paperback).

A Mississippian, from Ripley, Evelyn C. Vinal, is the author of a little book of poetry just off the press. (Several of her poems have previously been published in the Baptist Record's "Scrapbook.") The book is attractively bound in gold and white. All the poems are brief, and deal with varied topics. Miss Vinal is a member of the Mississippi Poetry Society, the American Poets Fellowship Society, the Poetry Society of Tennessee, and the United Poetry Society of America. Concerning her book, Dr. Chester Swor commented: "I sense that this little volume contains many gems of excellent thought, grand humor, lucid philosophy."

BED AND BOARD: PLAIN TALK ABOUT MARRIAGE BY Robert Farrar Capon (Simon and Schuster, 172

pp., \$3.95).

The author is an Episcopal priest, "player" of music, teacher of Greek, husband, father of six. Sprinkled here and there are points with which most Baptists would emphatically disagree. However, as Phyllis McGinley says, "It is an enchanting book—profound, witty, original." In a refreshing, down-to-earth style, Capon writes of marriage with a sense of humor and with a sense of awe. A chapter describing the author's children is especially good—and the chapter, "Dinner at our House," is absolutely unforgettable!

THE KNEELING STRANGER AND OTHER POEMS by Leo Horan (Harlo Press, 60 pp.).

A Mississippi poet, who now resides at Decatur, presents a collection of his poems. The effectiveness on numerous introductions is by his wife,

Kate Gathany Horan. These poems reveal that the author truly has a "poetic soul", and sees in the common experiences of life things which others might not see, save through the eyes of one like the author. These are brief poems on numerous subjects, but have strength and beauty.

MAN IN CONFLICT by Paul F. Barkman (Zondervan, 188 pp., \$3.95).

A teaching psychologist in Fuller Theological Seminary (California) discusses the conflicts disturbing modern man. After a section on the relationship of Psychology and Theology, the author moves into the realm of the conflicts which the choices man has to make brings to him. Anxiety, aggression, anger, etc., all are considered. There is discussion of demon possession and neurosis. Closing chapters deal with healing and mental health. A helpful new book in the counselling field.

ADVERTISING THE LOCAL CHURCH by James W. Carty Jr. (Augsburg, 63 large pages, paper, \$3.50).

A practical handbook on the use and preparation of advertisements concerning the program and ministry of the local church. The book is written by a professor of journalism who also has had long experience in the actual newspaper field. He discusses the opportunity for and purpose of church advertising, and then presents the principles, the preparation, the various techniques, the problems, etc. This is a timely and valuable book, which should find large use in the office of the church which uses or considers using display advertising.

A TABLE IN THE WILDERNESS by Watchman Nee (Christian Literature Crusade, \$3.50).

Meditations for each day of the year prepared by one of

the greatest and most deeply spiritual of all modern day Chinese Christians. This leader has suffered much for Christ's sake in recent years, and his experiences with his Lord and mighty faith are revealed in these meditations. There is a text and a brief meditation for each day.

NEW PATTERNS OF CHURCH GROWTH IN BRAZIL by William R. Read (Eerdmans, 240 pp., paper, \$2.45).

A valuable report on modern evangelicalism in the land. The author says the religious face of Brazil is changing and surveys the growth and presents witness of Italian Evangelicals, Presbyterians, Methodists, Baptists, and other groups. Many charts are used, and important statistics and reports are included.

J. HUDSON TAYLOR—Founder of the China Inland Mission, by Dr. and Mrs. Howard Taylor (Moody, 362 pp., \$4.95).

One of the Tyndale series of great biographies. This is the story of one of the greatest Christian history, a man whose faith literally claimed the promises of God to found a mighty Christian witness in China. His vision, his courage, his faith, his spiritual strength and his missionary zeal all are revealed vividly. One will find it difficult to be satisfied with his own mediocre Christian living, after reading these pages.

CALLED OF GOD by Gilbert L. Guffin (Christopher, 140 pp., \$2.95).

The Dean of Religion at Howard College, Birmingham, and former president of Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary, writes concerning ministers and their ministry. The office, the call, the task, the life, the relationships, the responsibilities, etc., all are considered. Here is practical discussion of things every man who is called of God to the Christian ministry needs to know and do.

SPIRITUAL BREAKTHROUGHS FOR OUR TIME by Marcus Bach (Doubleday, 162 pp., \$3.95).

A search into the meaning of some of the modern developments in religion, such as spiritual healing, the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and glossolalia (speaking with tongues). The author also looks at such teachings as Metaphysics, Yoga, Reincarnation, Karma, Zen, Psychedelics and Psychism. Amazing and mysterious things are reported in this book, and the reading of it will help a person to understand why some of the strange religions of this day and strange practices, even in the Christian religion.

Baptist Self-Preservation

Thursday, January 13, 1966

THE BAPTIST RECORD 5

By Selsus E. Tull, Pine Bluff, Ark.

There is an old adage to the effect: "Self preservation is the first law of nature." That statement is just as true when applied to a Baptist church or a Baptist organization, such as a Baptist association or a Baptist convention, as it is in any where in all the realm of "nature."

Baptists must continue to practice the principle of self-preservation or they will cease to be Baptists. They will disappear in the admixture and conglomeration of the so-called "churches" of the present day.

One may debate as much as he chooses over what is "The Baptist Historic Position" in Christian history, but there is one thing which admits of no debate and must be accepted without dispute, which is, that the Baptists are what they are today, as well as in all history, because of their distinctiveness and separatedness from all other religious bodies.

There are fundamental reasons for this indisputable fact, and these reasons reside in the consistent and unchanging allegiance of the Baptists to what they believe the Bible teaches on certain doctrines and practices. It is not necessary for me to name these doctrines here; but what makes a man a Baptist is that he has Bible convictions on these doctrines which in themselves logically separates him from all other Christians and their so-called "churches." If a Baptist should not thus remain separate, then why have Baptist churches? Why not dissolve the Baptist denomination and join up with the ecumenical movement which is being so widely advocated today?

Incident Cited

I will illustrate by an incident in my pastoral experience: A certain lady began attending our church. She was a fine singer, and the choir director admitted her into the choir. She joined a circle of our WMU. One day one of our ladies said to me: "Brother Tull, I believe that Mrs. Soanson would join our church if you would go to see her." I replied, "I will never do it. She is a member of another denomination. I am no proselyter. If she would invite me for a conference, I will visit her, but not otherwise."

A few days after this Mrs. Soanson called me on the phone and said: "I understand that you will not visit me."

I replied: "I will visit you only upon your invitation."

She said, "Well, I am inviting you right now." Consequently I went to her home, and she received me most cordially.

When we were seated she said: "Dr. Tull, I am considering the idea of joining your church. I like you as a preacher and I have fallen in love with your congregation, but if I join your church, you must accept my baptism. I was baptised by immersion into the Christian church, and I refuse to be immersed again."

My reply to her were in these words: "I am sorry but I find that you do not want to join our church. Our church has 1800 members, and you want

all of us to join you.

If we accept your baptism that will mean that all 1800 of us become Campbellites. We refuse to do that. If you want to join our church you will have to come in like all the rest of us have, by baptism administered by the authority of the church upon your profession of Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour." This lady looked confused for a moment, and then said: "I had not thought of it that way." I replied: "That is the way you will have to think of it, if you ever become a Baptist." A few weeks after that, she came down the aisle with a broad smile on her face, took my hand, and said to me, "I have decided to 'join' your church, and be a real Baptist."

That story sets out the real import of the whole debate on baptism and the Lord's Supper. These ordinances are not "Christian ordinances," but church ordinances to be administered by the Authority of a New Testament Church!

Where To Stop

Many present-day so-called "churches" baptise by immersion, and invite everybody to "commune" with them: Jehovah Witnesses, Mormons, Adventists, Assembly of God, Campbellites, and other "churches" and sects. Where are you going to stop? When you accept the "authority" of other "churches" to administer these ordinances, you "join" them, and grant them equality in all other respects!

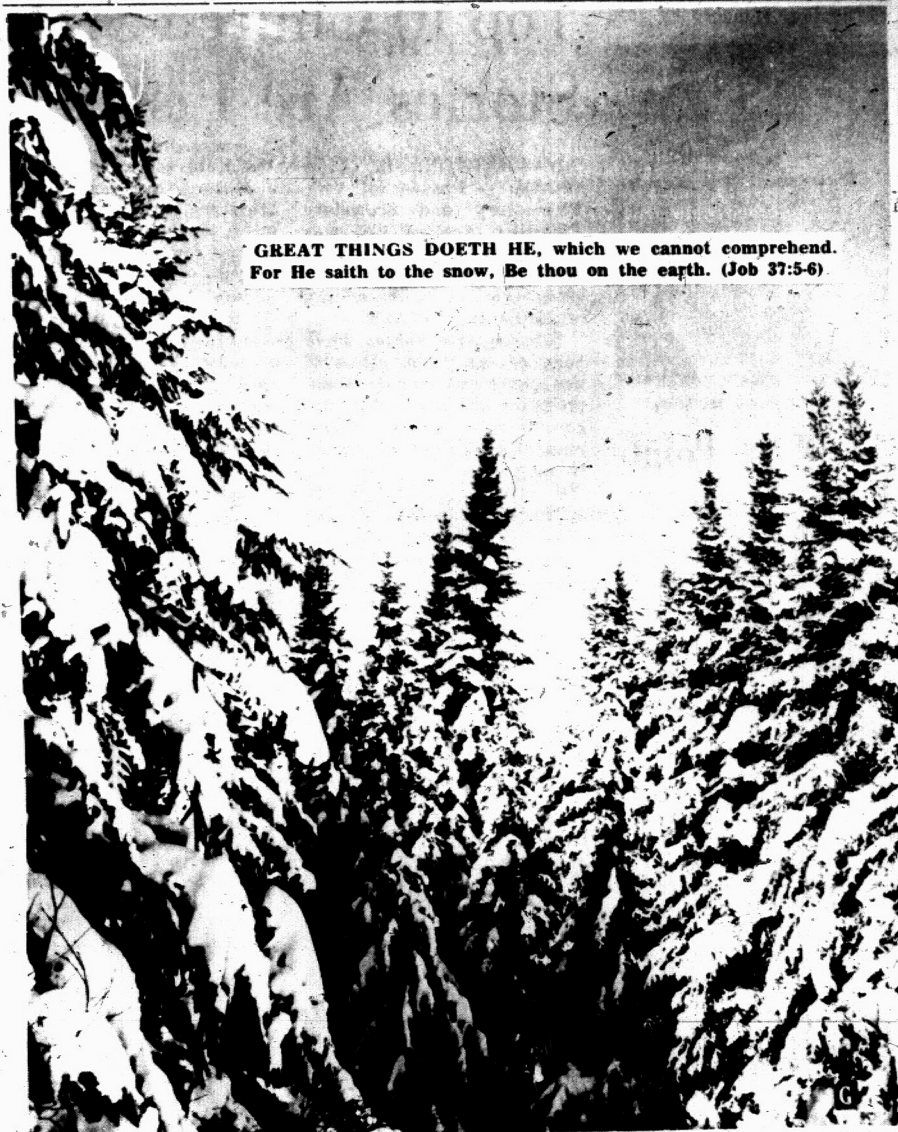
No sort of "broad minded sentimentality" can blind any thinking Baptist from seeing that a Baptist church surrenders all of its sacred distinctiveness, and worse than all, renounces the Authority of Jesus Christ over His churches when He committed His ordinances to be kept and administered only by New Testament churches!

Baptists today, as in all history, are in a battle for self-preservation. The most insidious attack against them is through the "infiltration" of their ranks by "alien" practices. Some Baptists need to read again what the Apostle Paul told the elders of the church at Ephesus as recorded in Acts 20:17-31.

Fought Many Battles

Baptists have fought many battles for survival in past history—even through a thousand martyr fires—and, thank God, that spirit is not dead. There are millions of Baptists today who are willing to die to keep Jesus Christ on His Throne as "The Head Of The Church" for which He died, and they are prepared to refight every so-called "church" authority assumed by any man-made source.

The marvelous growth today of the Baptist denomination is God's answer to all the world that His Truth will survive through all the changes in society and governments when it is kept separate from entangling affiliations with all worldly institutions either in the realm of religion or government. The crown of Baptist pride—and assurance—today resides in God's evident approval of their age-long fight for self-preservation as they have interpreted the Commission of their Christ in the mission and conduct of His churches!



GREAT THINGS DOETH HE, which we cannot comprehend. For He saith to the snow, Be thou on the earth. (Job 37:5-6)

Slovak Town Visited

EDITOR'S NOTE: The former assistant director of the Baptist Press, Theo Sommerkamp, gives this first-person account of a Baptist church in Yugoslavia. Sommerkamp is now with the European Baptist Press Service, with offices in Ruschlikon - Zurich, Switzerland.

anti-religious. Petrovac, however, is mainly Lutheran in religious affiliation.

Outside the Baptist church, a sign identifies the building. The churches are permitted to have identifying signs painted or mounted on the

The style of church government and worship in Petrovac is unique.

Church Has No Pastor
The Slovak church has no pastor. It has one deacon—a young man of 38 who baptizes converts and administers the

Georgia Leader Asks "Freedom From Filth"

ATLANTA, Ga. (RNS) — Prosecuting attorneys are allowing Georgia's streets to "become open sewers of obscenity," an Atlanta minister charged here.

Dr. James F. Wesberry, Sr., pastor of Atlanta's Morningside Baptist church and chairman of the State Literature Commission, said that almost every Georgia solicitor has been "a bit reluctant to prosecute obscenity causes because they know the distributors of the smut literature are reputable persons, have fine families and many friends."

The solicitors have a hard time finding a jury that will convict these distributors, Dr. Wesberry added.

Speaking to the Atlanta Masonic Club, Dr. Wesberry said Georgia has one of the "finest obscenity laws of any state in our nation."

STUDENTS SPREAD JOY IN HONG KONG

Instead of spending Christmas Day with family and friends, scores of students from Hong Kong Baptist College searched out the needy on the streets and in refugee huts and gave them food, clothing, and a Christian message.

The 200 members of the college's Sociology and Social Work Society (about one-fifth of the student body) collected more than \$156 (U.S.) among students and faculty to buy rice for the poor. This they distributed to 600 street dwellers, along with other food and clothing made available through Christian relief organizations. Providing nourishment for the spirit as well as the body, they placed a gospel tract from Baptist Press, Hong Kong, in each package they gave away.

Another group of Hong Kong College students, led by the Baptist Student Union, took Christmas to one of Hong Kong's largest hospitals, where they sang carols, gave gifts, and told the Christmas story to hundreds in the wards for the poor.



THEIR SHIP CAME SAILING IN—Two Brazilian seamen get a personal invitation to attend a unique International Christmas party sponsored by the Baptist Seamen's Service in New Orleans. Seamen's Service Director James Vandercook (left) former Mississippian, and New Orleans Seminary student Achilles Barbosa of Brazil greet the two Brazilian sailors, Nelson da Silva and Solon Celestina (right), crew members of the Brazilian vessel "Cabo Frio." (BP Photo)

NEW ORLEANS BAPTISTS WELCOME LONELY SEAMEN

By Mary Lane Powell
NEW ORLEANS (BP)—The Christmas carol, "I Saw Three Ships Come Sailing In," had special meaning for many New Orleans Baptists as they participated in the first international Christmas party for seamen docked in the port city.

"Several of us were watching the docks very closely in order to get an estimate of how many sailors to plan for," said James Vandercook, director of the Baptist Seamen's Service. "We really

didn't know how many would be there until we met at the wharves that night."

More than a hundred sailors, on shore leave during the Christmas season, attended the unique party staged two days before Christmas. Vandercook called it a very good turnout for the first year.

One Baptist church volunteered its activities building for the event; another furnished the refreshments.

On hand to help the lonely seamen have a meaningful Christmas were more Baptists.

London Baptists 'Narcotics Anonymous' Group

LONDON (RNS) — London Baptists have launched an organization known as "Narcotics Anonymous" to help thousands of drug addicts in the capital.

Leaders of the project are the Rev. John McNicol, and the Rev. Edward Erswell. They said the idea was sparked by a chance meeting Mr. McNicol had with two young men gravely ill as a result of narcotics.

The project was formally launched at a rally at Stockwell, a center in southwest London which has become a stronghold of Negro immigrants to Britain. The organizers have a day-and-night telephone service and workers are prepared to go out at any time to aid addicts making distress calls.

tists, including many students from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary here. The students participated in a Christmas blent show and mingled among the seamen, distributing a Christmas spirit of good will.

"Last year we went aboard almost every ship in port, giving gifts—either a Testament or a Gospel portion—to each sailor," Vandercook said. "The following Sunday we had men from four countries in church worship services."

In a port which more than 9,000 ships enter and leave each year, the Baptist Seamen's Service is a new venture.

Vandercook has urged Baptists to invite the travel-weary seamen into their homes, and he has led the way by inviting all who will to share Sunday dinner with his family.

Perhaps the special international Christmas party has influenced several seamen to rethink their outlook on life, as did a German chief engineer who at the Vandercook's home recently.

He told the director afterwards: "I had lost faith in religion, faith in people, in my country and in America. But you are concerned about me—perhaps I have just been looking in the wrong direction."

By Theo Sommerkamp
European Baptist Press

The bell of a nearby Lutheran church tolls to signal the worship hour, and the Baptist congregation assembles in a masonry building with a weatherbeaten look.

Down brick sidewalks and up streets with deep mud ruts, the Slovak-speaking Baptists come to worship.

Some ride bicycles. Mothers push their toddlers along in wooden strollers or perambulators.

Only one automobile drives up. In it are visitors from the cities and from abroad. Just a few Baptists in Yugoslavia are fortunate enough to own an automobile.

Only the two main streets are paved, and these are part of the national highway system. All other streets are deep mud ruts, down which horse-drawn carts struggle. Automobiles dare not attempt passage.

This is the scene in Petrovac, Yugoslavia—a large, village-like town, mainly of farm people. It is in the fertile Danube River Valley about 65 miles northwest of Belgrade.

Here is located the largest Baptist church in the entire country of Yugoslavia, with more than 200 members. The second and third largest Baptist churches are in major cities, Zagreb and Novi Sad.

As a Communist country, Yugoslavia is committedly



YOUNG YUGOSLAVIAN deacon leads worship: Andrija Franka, only deacon of the pastorless Petrovac Baptist church in the Slovak region of Yugoslavia, leads the worship service for the largest Baptist congregation in Yugoslavia. Behind him is a banner quoting I Tim. 6:11. On front of the pulpit is a plaque saying in Slovak, "Repent and believe the gospel." (BP Photo)

wall. Signs do not, however, extend out over the sidewalks.

About 200 attend the worship service. The Petrovac church has pews enough to accommodate the entire membership. Attendance does not always reach 200 but often goes beyond this number.

Lord's Supper. He may even conduct church weddings, although only the state ceremony is legally valid. Decisions by new converts are recommended to the church by a governing board of eight or ten much older men.

The Sunday service is started with a vacant pulpit. One of the elders calls out a number in the Slovak song book, which contains words but no music. A young man steps to the wooden pump organ and plays.

The first song is "Bratska Laska," meaning "Brotherly Love." It is a hymn used chiefly to welcome the guests—a pastor, a layman, and two Americans, one they have known since 1938—John Allen Moore of the Baptist seminary in Ruschlikon, Switzerland. The other is Theo Sommerkamp, new representative of the European Baptist Press making his first visit to Yugoslavia.

After the special song expressing their feeling of Christian brotherhood toward their visitors, the Slovaks launched into song, this one a favorite throughout Europe, though little known in English-language hymnody, "God Is With Us."

After a prayer, the young draftsman from Novi Sad

(Continued on Page 7)



SLOVAK BAPTISTS outside Yugoslavian church: Part of the congregation of the Baptist church of Petrovac, Yugoslavia, gather to talk outside the building after a Sunday morning worship service. The women wear scarfs at all times. Married women like the ones in front also wear long skirts with costume-like blue aprons. Single women usually wear western-style clothes. Slovak men do not as a rule wear ties, and close-cropped hair is a tradition. Customs are changing, however, and a few men now wear ties and abandon the close-shaven head tradition. (BP Photo)



Rev. Jimmy H. Hipp

1st. West Point Calls Pastor

Rev. Jimmy H. Hipp, pastor of First Church, Seagoville, Texas, has accepted a call to become pastor of First Church, West Point.

West Point's First Church has been without a pastor since Rev. P. C. Perkins left in early October to accept a call to First Church, Greenwood. Dr. James Taylor, a former pastor, now professor of preaching in New Orleans Seminary, has been serving as interim pastor.

Both Rev. and Mrs. Hipp are native Mississippians. He is a graduate of Mississippi College and New Orleans Seminary.

Top 10 Church-State Stories Are Listed

WASHINGTON, D. C. — (POAU) — Passage of the Elementary and Secondary Education Acts of 1965 was the top news story in the area of church and state during 1965, according to the editors of CHURCH & STATE.

"Church-state issues have been on the front pages of newspapers all over the country in the last 12 months," according to J. Eugene White, managing editor of the monthly magazine. The journal is the official publication of Americans United for Separation of Church and State.

Mentioned second on the list of important church-state events is the conclusion of the Vatican Council II, with the Religious Liberty Document officially promulgated during the closing hours and the Council's pronouncement in favor of public subsidies for parochial education near the end of the final session.

The significant number of Protestant groups which "defeated" in their traditional stand for "money-line" separation of state and church came in for third place on the list.

Number four is the case of

The Horace Mann League v. J. Millard Tawes, governor of Maryland, in which government support of church-related colleges was challenged.

Maryland's Fifth Judicial Circuit Court in Annapolis decided in favor of government aid, but the case has been appealed and is scheduled for hearing March 29 in the Maryland Court of Appeals (highest court in the state).

Kansas City Case
Next in importance was judged to be the Kansas City, Mo. lawsuit to test the constitutionality of a Head Start program sponsored by a church and financed by the Federal Government.

Filling the number six spot was the agreement by trustees of Furman University in South Carolina to honor the request of Baptists of the state to reject a Federal grant of \$611,898 after negotiations already were complete.

The legal precedent set by Judge Frederick B. Cramer in the Mercer County, Ohio school decision was named for seventh place. In that historic decision the judge ordered termination of the dom-



ABOVE IS A PICTURE of the newly completed brick parsonage of Woodlawn Church, Vicksburg. The home has three bedrooms, two baths, a family room and kitchen combination, a large living room, dining room area with central heating and air conditioning. Adjoining the double car garage there is a study for the pastor and also a storage room. Homer Matthews was chairman of the Building Committee. Others were Clyde Beasley, R. F. Ehrhardt, W. L. Snyder, and Kirk Conrad. Standing in front of the home are Rev. and Mrs. Oster R. Daniels. Mr. Daniels has served as pastor of the Woodlawn Church for the past two years.

ination of three public elementary schools by the Roman Catholic Church.

Although no single parochial bus issue in a particular state was regarded as having widespread significance, taken together the "rash" of controversies all over the country involving transportation for parochial school pupils was given the number eight spot.

Passage of the law in New York to furnish textbooks for

the use of pupils in private and parochial schools as well as those in public schools is number nine on the list.

Last on the list is the court test of shared-time provisions in Chicago. Challenged in the case was the lending of public school facilities to parochial schools. Circuit Court Judge John J. Lupe upheld the program, and the case has been appealed to a higher court.

SOCIAL SECURITY INFO IS AVAILABLE FOR PASTORS

A booklet explaining the new Social Security-Medicare regulations as they affect ordained ministers is available from the Southern Baptist Annuity Board.

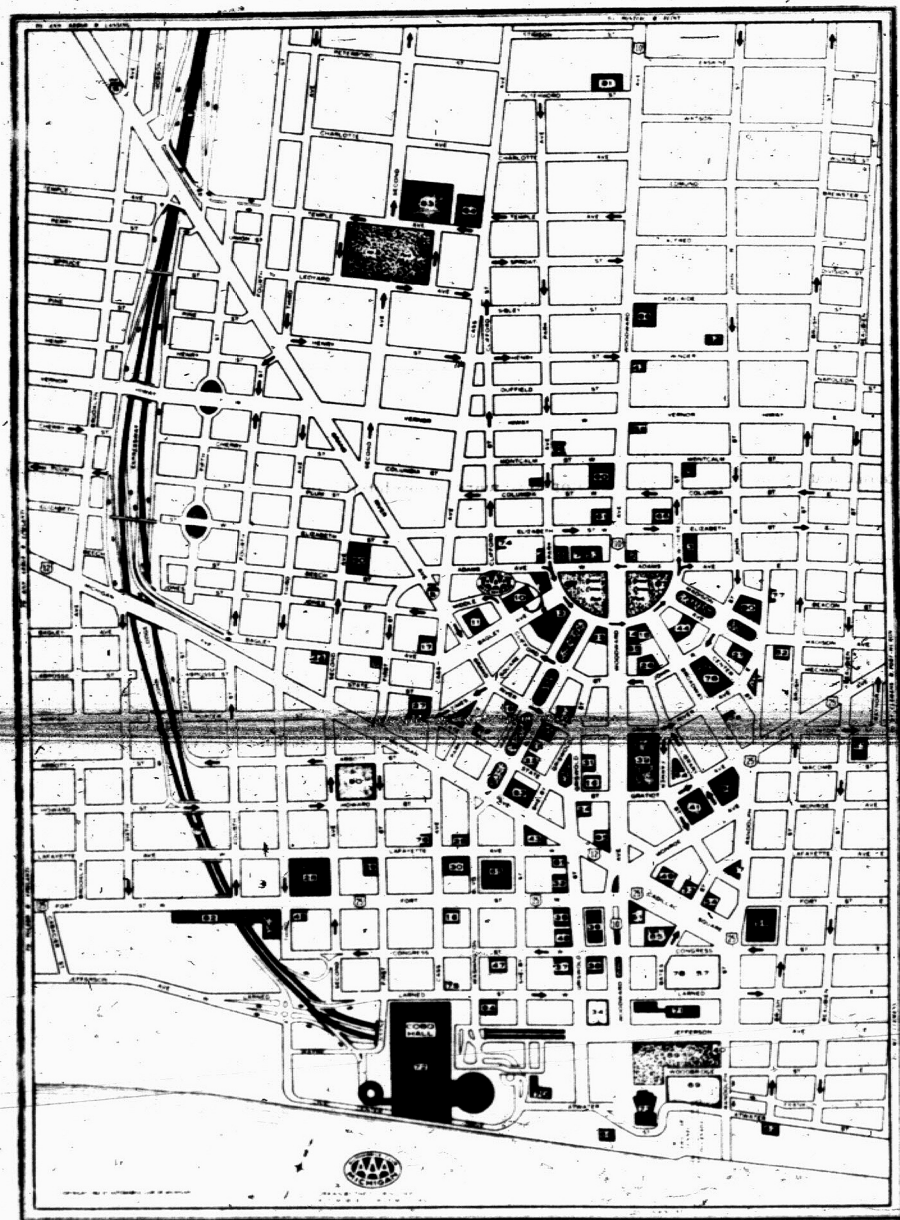
Floyd B. Chaffin, associate secretary of the Annuity Board, said any minister may obtain the booklet without charge.

Address requests to: Medicare Booklet, Room 315, Annuity Board, SBC, 511 North Akard Building, Dallas, Texas 75201.



AT FIRST, CANTON, W. A. Sims, treasurer, at right, congratulates Pastor Johnny L. Taylor, and his wife, Delores, upon the church's Christmas present of a new Buick. Mr. Sims, on behalf of the members of First Church, presented the surprise gift to the Taylors at mid-week worship service, December 22.

Complete Information For Those Planning To Attend SBC In Detroit



DETROIT HOTEL/MOTEL RATES

Hotel	Address	Single	Double	Twin	Suites
1 Abington Hotel	700 Seward	9.50	13.00		
2 Belcrest Hotel	5440 Cass		15.00		
3 YMCA-Downtown	2020 Witherell	3.75-4.75		6.50-8.50	
4 Park Shelton Hotel	15 E. Kirby	11.30-18.30	14.00-22.80	16.05-22.80	35.90-48.80
5 Prince Edward Hotel	384 Ouellette	7.00-10.00	10.00-13.50	12.50-14.00	25.00
6 Whittier Hotel	415 Burns Drive		16.00-20.00		
7 London Inn	3455 Woodward	10.00	13.50	16.50	
8 Tullier Hotel	521 Park Ave.	9.00	11.00	12.00-15.00	28.00-45.00
9 Harlan House	6500 John Lodge	11.50-16.00	14.00-16.00	16.00-18.00	
10 Alamo Motel	2700 Woodward		12.00	14.00-16.00	
11 Astor Hotel	3900 Woodward		9.00	14.00-18.00	22.00
12 Statler Hilton Hotel	1539 Washington	10.00-15.50	14.50-19.50	17.50-27.00	33.50-75.00
13 Cadillac House	500 W. Congress	12.00	16.00	18.00-20.00	
14 Civic Center	111 E. Larned	10.00	12.00	16.00	20.00
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16 Howard Johnson's - New Center	W. Grand & Third	14.00-18.00	18.00-22.00	20.00-24.00	
17 Howard Johnson's - Downtown	Washington Blvd. & Michigan	14.00-18.00	18.00-22.00	20.00-24.00	
18 Park Plaza Motel	2560 Second	10.50	13.50	14.50	
19 Traveler Motel	2745 Cass	8.00	9.00-10.00	12.00	
20 University Motel	5841 Second	7.28	8.32	10.40	
21 Madison Lenox Hotel	246 Madison	7.00-7.50	9.50	15.00	20.00
22 Holiday Inn-Downtown	22900 Michigan		14.00-17.00		
23 Sheraton-Cadillac Hotel	1114 Washington	9.00-17.00	15.00-21.50	15.50-22.00	30.00-60.00
24 Balmor Motel	3250 E. Jefferson	13.52	14.56	14.56	
25 Norton Palmer Hotel	130 Park St., W.	6.00	8.50		
29 Pick-Fort Shelby Hotel	525 W. Lafayette	7.50-13.00	10.50-17.00	13.00-18.50	30.00-73.50
54 Embassy Hotel	111 Cadillac Sq.	8.00-12.00	10.00-16.00	12.00-18.00	25.00-60.00
66 Wolverine Hotel	55 E. Elizabeth	6.50-12.00	9.50-12.00	10.50-18.00	35.00-65.00
78 Milner Highland Hotel	1538 Centre	5.50-6.00	7.50-8.00	9.00	10.00-15.00
94 Pontchartrain Hotel	Two Washington Blvd.	12.50-18.50	17.50-23.50	20.50-24.50	68.50-73.50

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WMU Convention Set For March 29-30

The Annual Meeting of Woman's Missionary Union will be held March 29-30, 1966, at Calvary Baptist Church, Jackson. Information relating to theme, speakers, special features, etc., will be given in future issues of The Baptist Record.

Two of the outstanding personalities who will be appearing on the program during the convention are pictured below. Dr. Claude Rhea, of Houston Baptist College, will be the music director and soloist for all the sessions. He has been a frequent visitor to Mississippi, having assisted with music festivals and other gatherings. He has directed the music for Convention-wide WMU meetings on several occasions.

Mrs. Claude Rhea is a homemaker and the author of several devotional books. Her most recent publication is My Heart Kneels, Too. Mrs. Rhea has written for WMU publi-



Dr. Rhea Mrs. Rhea
Mission study-institutes now are being held in various associations in the state to assist with the teaching of the Home Mission Graded Series, 1966. You'll want to have representatives from your church present at the institute in your association. Also, plans need to have been made for date, time, and teacher of the graded series in your church.



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 11:33-36; Revelation 4:6-11.
 The two preceding lessons
 have introduced our study of
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 now a unit of four lessons on
 our beliefs about God. God is
 a person. He is perfect in his
 moral nature, infinite in pow-
 er and wisdom, unlimited by
 time or space, and supreme
 in sovereignty and glory. Our
 lesson concentrates on the su-
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 nature, his holiness—his trans-
 cendence, his separateness



Miss Green Miss Black

Miss Billie Green and Miss
 Bobbie Black of New
 Augusta, will receive the Mas-
 ter of Religious Education de-
 gree Jan. 20 at Southwestern
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 gree from Mississippi State
 College for Women and Miss
 Black the B.S. degree from
 William Carey College. Miss
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from the world and all
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 which best describes Deity.

The Lesson Explained
GOD OVER ALL
 (1 Chron. 29:10-13)

These verses are a part of
 David's prayer. It suggests
 something of the nature of
 God's being. God is Jehovah,
 the covenant God of Israel.
 He is personal, eternal, self-
 contained, and self-sufficient,
 who can be explained only by
 himself. He chose Abraham
 and his descendants to be his
 covenant people. He revealed
 himself through mighty acts
 of deliverance, of mercy,
 and of judgment. His dealings
 with Israel declare him to be
 the God of redemptive pur-
 pose, the God of holiness and
 righteousness and love.

God's kingdom is the ex-
 pression of his sovereignty.
 His rule is all inclusive and
 his power unlimited. God, who
 is exalted over all, who is the
 creator of all material
 riches and the giver of all the
 riches of grace, exercises his
 omnipotence with righteous-
 ness and mercy. Before him
 all persons should bow in
 reverential praise and un-
 ceasing thanksgiving for the
 glory of his name and the
 wonder of his absolute perfec-
 tion and immeasurable love.

GOD OF GLORY
 (Rev. 4:8-11)

This wondrous scene from
 Revelation of the worship of
 God by the heavenly beings
 emphasizes the glory of God
 which is an aspect of his
 holiness. The four beasts—
 more properly, the four living
 creatures—represent the high-
 est order of angelic beings.
 Their eyes suggest knowledge
 and watchfulness, their wings
 swiftness to obey. Day and
 night, or a l a y s, they are
 engaged in praising the Lord
 God Almighty, declaring that
 he is "holy, holy, holy." Also,
 they praise him for his eternal
 existence: he was, he is,
 he will be. As these living
 creatures continuously ascribe
 glory and honor and thanks to
 the One on the throne, the
 elders—another group of an-
 gelic beings—worship the
 eternal Lord by casting their
 crowns before him to disclaim
 any authority of their own
 and offer adoring praise de-
 claring that the Lord, who
 created all things and by
 whose will all things owe their
 existence, is worthy to re-
 ceive glory and power.

GOD OF GRACE AND
WISDOM (Rom. 11:33-36)

With this doxology of ador-
 ing praise, the apostle Paul
 concluded a sublime exposi-
 tion of God's purpose in Is-
 rael and God's redemptive ac-
 tivity in history. The riches
 of God's grace and wisdom
 and knowledge are illimit-
 able. The human mind can-
 not understand his judgments
 or decisions or trace out his
 ways. No one can fathom the
 infinite mind of the Lord. No
 one can be his counselor. No
 one can merit his favor. He is
 the source, the explanation,
 and the goal of all things. But
 we can trust God because of
 his grace and wisdom. All his
 acts in history are expres-
 sions of infinite love and in-
 finite wisdom. His holiness is
 the assurance that his saving
 work in Christ will come to
 fulfillment.

Truths to Live By

God's holiness demands
 reverential fear and respect.
 His nature determines how
 we should approach him. In
 Isaiah's vision of God, he saw
 the angelic beings with wings
 covering their faces and their
 feet to symbolize something
 of their sense of the trans-
 cendent holiness of the Lord.
 Our thought of God and our
 approach to him should recog-
 nize the majesty of his be-
 ing, the moral perfection of
 his nature, his fearful wrath
 against evil, and the effulgent
 glory of his personality. We
 are not to flee from God, but
 we are to seek us. But we are
 never to forget that One so
 great, so holy and so right-
 eous, so glorious and so gra-
 cious, merits reverential fear
 and respect, adoration and
 trust, submission and obedi-
 ence.

The holiness of God calls
 for holiness in his children.—
 God's command is, "Be ye
 holy; for I am holy." In the
 New Testament the followers
 of Christ are called "saints"—
 the holy ones. Christians
 are admonished to become
 imitators of God, for they are

his children.

Our belief in God should be
 in harmony with his nature.
 Our lesson has confronted
 us with the teaching of the
 Bible about the fact and char-
 acter of God. He is a person.
 He is the creator of the heav-
 ens and the earth. He is the
 God of glory and might. He
 is the ruler over all things.
 He is forever the same. He is
 to be the sole object of wor-
 ship. He merits trust and love
 and obedience and devotion in
 the fullest expression of one's
 self-giving. He is the goal of
 the universe and the judge of
 human destiny. Therefore,
 our belief in God should be
 in keeping with what he is—
 transcendently great, morally
 perfect, inscrutably wise.



HAROLD REEVES, the new
 Asian representative of South-
 ern Baptists' Radio and Tele-
 vision Commission, left Jan.
 8 on an extended 10-week trip
 to the Far East where he will
 contact owners and managers
 of radio and television sta-
 tions in 20 countries regard-
 ing a broader use of Commis-
 sion programs.

Slovak Town Visited

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 speaks. Although a "visitor,"
 this is his "home church,"
 for his parents live in
 Petrovac.

A short series of prayers
 follow. First four men pray,
 then four women, at the re-
 quest of one of the elders.
 Men always pray first in such
 circumstances.

The men's prayers are sin-
 cere but unemotional. The
 first woman prays louder,
 more fervently than any of
 the men. The next woman's
 prayer borders on the tearful.
 The third woman's is sincere
 and direct like the men's, and
 the final woman prays almost
 in a whisper. The draftsman
 closes the prayer period.

Next is one stanza only of
 another hymn. This in itself
 is unusual. The songs have
 six to ten stanzas and in
 many instances the congrega-
 tion sings every one of them.
 The visiting pastor of the
 Baptist church in Novi Sad
 interprets as Sommerkamp
 brings a devotional.

Then there is a choir num-
 ber without the organ. There
 are more women than men in
 the choir.

The single teen-age girls
 wear western-type sweaters
 and skirts, while the married
 women wear long skirts with
 blue aprons, like costumes.
 Married women are sup-
 posed to wear a scarf, usually
 black; to cover their heads at
 all times, inside their homes
 or away. Single girls may or
 may not wear a scarf, but
 most wear colorful ones re-
 sembling scarfs worn in any
 western country.

Slovak Baptist men do not
 as a rule wear ties. Neither
 men nor women wear

jewelry. Men's hair is gen-
 erally not more than half an
 inch long.

Customs, however, are
 changing, demonstrating the
 power of the fashions of the
 outside world.

One or two of the younger
 men wear ties to church with-
 out fear any more of having
 church fellowship withdrawn
 from them for doing so. Even
 the deacon received his lead-
 ership position after abandon-
 ing the custom of a close-
 shaven head.

Moore, the visitor,
 preaches the sermon of the
 morning in Serbian. Most of
 the people understand
 Serbian, the official language,
 almost as well as Slovak, but
 prefer to hear their own
 language.

A large banner, and smaller
 posters quoting scriptures are
 behind, beneath and to the
 sides of the pulpit. On the
 front of the pulpit is another,
 saying in Slovak, "Repent
 and believe the gospel."

After the sermon, there is
 another song. Then the
 deacon expresses pleasure
 with the visit of the Baptist
 friends from America.

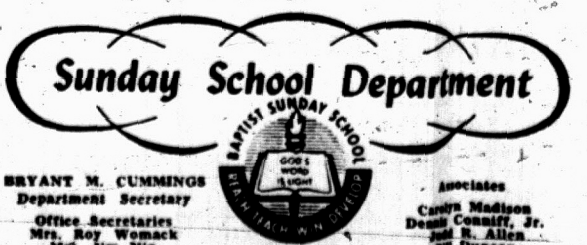
The Novi Sad pastor leads
 the closing prayer, while the
 people kneel on boards at-
 tached to the pews as they
 do for every prayer. One
 more hymn, then two women
 visiting from another com-
 munity bring greetings.

The clock indicates it is
 10:55 — time to leave. There
 is another service at 2 p. m.,
 and a third one of the day at
 8 p. m.

While in a Slovak church
 of Yugoslavia for a visiting
 American is truly a unique
 experience.



DORMITORY OPEN HOUSE was held December 12, at
 Women's Residence Hall, Clarke College, from 1 to 3:30 p.m.
 The door to each girl's room, in the three-story wing, had been
 decorated. In judging of doorways, first place winner of the
 religious theme went to Gloria Welsh and Joyce Simmons.
 Donna Conway and Violet Jennings received first place for
 traditional scenes. In receiving line, shown above, are, left
 to right: Brenda Kelley, Linda Johns, Martha Sue Philpot,
 Betty Allgood, Judy Smith, Joanne Kneittel, and Mrs. A. L.
 McGaugh, dean of women.



Vacation Bible School Clinic
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 Beginners Mrs. W. H. Souther New Orleans, La.
 Nursery Mrs. J. E. Morrow, Jr. Jackson, Miss.
 Music Mr. Dan Hall Jackson, Miss.
 Church Library Mr. Charles Warnock Nashville, Tenn.

Sunday Reports

Sunday School Attendance
Additions To The Church
Training Union Attendance

JANUARY 9, 1966		
Belzoni, 1st	326	65
Biloxi, Emmanuel	299	101
Brandon, 1st	453	158
Brookhaven, 1st	801	207
Bruce, 1st	420	168
Clinton, Morrison Hgts	478	167
Columbia, 1st	720	245
Columbus, Fairview	392	160
Crystal Springs, 1st	573	143
Forest	467	129
Grenada, 1st	389	165
Gulfport, 1st	941	211
Handsboro	434	116
Hattiesburg, 38th Ave.	305	177
Hattiesburg, Main Street	958	341
Main	943	335
North Main	15	8
South	59	34
Southside	99	54
Central	317	181
University	189	9
Houston, 1st	463	123
Hurricane Creek	111	69
Marion	327	97
Flournoy First	891	237
Ridgcrest	357	145
McLaurin Heights	15	8
Lakeview Msn	15	8
Calvary	1519	519
Mission	62	45
Oak Forest	632	163
Southside	350	163
Woodland Hills	791	147
Parkhill	201	115
Midway	420	138
Alta Woods	1166	329
Broadmoor	1541	490
McDowell Road	319	177
Raymond Road	108	28
Briarwood Drive	344	129
Woodville Heights	331	100
West Jackson	524	196
First	1568	251
Crestwood	346	139
Daniel	690	189
Parkway	1100	380
Highland	404	155
Hickory	896	205
Kosciusko	201	60
Parkway	545	138
First	529	152
Main	16	11
Maple St.	282	146
West End	282	146
Laurel	410	203
Magnolia St.	342	131
Woodland	102	50
Trinity	472	143
First	466	151
Second Avenue	128	6
Main	201	108
Mission	350	170
Glade	165	90
Highland	151	10
Leakesville, 1st	30	28
Long Beach, 1st	50	28
Mission	30	28
Marysville	47	27
McComb, Locust St.	130	1
McComb, Navilla	225	125
McComb, South	246	69
Meridian	133	95
Russell	127	46
Hickory Grove Chpl	127	46
Collinsville	127	46
Fulton Avenue Msn	28	21
Calvary	489	167
Main	413	139
Fewell Survey Man	38	28
Pine Springs Man	38	28
State Boulevard	386	140
Daklan	163	90
Fifteenth Avenue	561	168
Poplar Springs Drive	382	146
Monticello	207	60
Mountain Creek	83	52
(Rankin)	83	52
Pascagoula, Eastlawn	226	2
Pascagoula, 1st	224	214
Main	684	214
G. C. Nursing Home	16	32
Martin Bluff	30	30
Pearl	402	133
Pearson	185	89
Petal Harvey	326	99
Main	310	99
Memorial Drive	158	71
Roedale, 1st	19	33
Ruth	63	32
Sardis	127	62
Sharon, 1st (Jones)	105	46
Springfield (Scott)	105	46
Starkville, 1st	1137	364
Sunshine (Rankin)	191	101
Tupelo	220	114
West Jackson St.	650	250
Calvary	410	137
Bowmar Ave.	200	99
Trinity	180	97
Immanuel	776	197
First	1965	202
West Point, 1st	332	121
Amory, 1st	307	150
Booneville, 1st	271	121
Main	36	29
Crestwood	728	194
Columbia, 1st	290	132
Columbus, Fairview	636	141
Crystal Springs, 1st	201	77
Hattiesburg, 38th Ave.	265	117
Hurricane Creek	140	87
(Marion)	189	84
Lyon	130	59
Macron, 1st	335	175
Pascagoula, Eastlawn	185	97
Pontotoc, West Heights	351	183
Pontotoc, 1st	341	99
Quitman, 1st	272	125
Ripley, 1st	63	27
Ruth	203	116
Tupelo	415	200
West Jackson St.	203	116
First	415	200

N. O. Professor

Slates Lectures
 NEW ORLEANS (BP) —
 Clark H. Pinnock, assistant
 professor of New Testament
 studies at New Orleans Baptist
 Seminary here, will de-
 liver the Christian Contem-
 porary Thought lectures on "Is
 Humanism Possible" at
 Harvard University, Boston
 for the purpose of stimulating
 debate and discussion within
 the academic community on
 contemporary issues.

Seminary Plans

1966 Scholarship Competitions
 LOUISVILLE, Ky. —Com-
 petition for the Luther Rice and
 Adoniram Judson Scholar-
 ship Awards has been announced
 to prospective students of the
 Southern Seminary here.
 The awards are given an-
 nually to a select group of ap-
 plicants chosen by a faculty
 and trustee committee. The
 cash award to each student is
 \$1,000 and is accompanied by
 a gold medalion designating
 the honor.

Luther Rice awards are for
 students who feel their min-
 istry is to be within the United
 States. Adoniram Judson
 grants are for foreign volun-
 teers.
 All applications must be in
 the office of the seminary's
 Dean of Students by Febru-
 ary 15, 1966. Announcement
 of the winners will be March
 15. Application forms may be
 obtained from the Dean of
 Students, Southern Baptist
 Theological Seminary,
 2825 Lexington Road, Louis-
 ville, Kentucky 40206.

ANNOUNCING . . .

Mississippi

Song Leading and Hymn Playing
 Festivals

FEBRUARY 17, 18, AND 19, 1966

Date: February 17, 1966 (Thursday)

First Church, Calhoun City
 First Church, Columbus
 First Church, Greenwood
 First Church, Natchez
 First Church, Ocean Springs
 Time: 6:15 p.m. — Registration
 6:30 p.m. — Festival Begins

Date: February 18, 1966 (Friday)

Clarksdale Church, Clarksdale
 East McComb Church, McComb
 First Church, Kosciusko
 First Church, Tupelo
 First Church, Vicksburg
 Time: 6:15 p.m. — Registration
 6:30 p.m. — Festival Begins

Date: February 19, 1966 (Saturday)

Daniel Memorial Church, Jackson
 First Church, Booneville
 First Church, Canton
 First Church, Laurel
 First Church, Meridian
 First Church, Senatobia
 Main Street Church, Hattiesburg
 Ridgcrest Church, Jackson
 Time: 9:15 a.m. — Registration
 9:30 a.m. — Festival Begins

MORE MUSIC DIRECTORS GOING TO CHICAGO

MUSIC WITNESSING CRUSADE
 Additional churches have indicated their willingness to
 send music director to Chicago to participate in the evangelistic
 crusade, April 18-29, 1966. These churches are as follows:

Church	City	Pastor	Music Director
13. Fifteenth Ave.	Meridian	Bob E. Simmons	William H. Sellers
14. First	Columbus	S. R. Woodson	Billy A. Vaughan
15. First	Vicksburg	John G. McCall	George Van Edmond
16. Crestwood	Jackson	G. A. McCoy	David Smitherman
17. Woodland Hills	Jackson	Fuller Saunders	Charles Muller

Applegate To

Attend Annuity
 Board Meeting

Rev. D. C. Applegate, pas-
 tor of First Church,
 Starkville, will represent Mis-
 sissippi Baptists at the 48th
 annual trustees meeting of
 the Southern Baptist Annuity
 Board on February 1 and 2.

R. Alton Reed, executive
 secretary of the Annuity
 Board, said Applegate will
 join 50 other local and state
 trustees from 26 state conven-
 tions to hear reports on the
 Board's work completed in
 1965.



Rev. F. D. Leggett

Is Ordained

On December 12, First Church, Yazoo City, ordained Rev. Franklin D. Leggett to the gospel ministry. Mr. Leggett, who was licensed by the Union Hall Church in Lincoln County, has accepted the pastorate of the Oil City Church, Bentonia.

Rev. James Yates, pastor at First, Yazoo City, preached the ordination sermon on the subject, "The Call of Samuel." Tom Raggett, chairman of deacons at First Church, presented the Bible.

Mr. Leggett, native of Lincoln County and graduate of Mississippi College, is married and the father of three children.

Hillsboro Pastor Begins Fifth Year

Dr. John E. Barrow, began his fifth year as pastor at Hillsboro Church on January 2, having come there from the pastorate of First Church, St. Joseph, Louisiana. Both Dr. and Mrs. Barrow are Mississippians. He was reared in Laurel, and ordained by West Laurel Church. Mrs. Barrow, the former Myrtis Todd, was reared at Collins.

During the past four years, Hillsboro Church has had eighty-five additions. There have been many physical improvements to both the church building and the pastorate. Tithes and offerings have increased more than twenty-five percent, with gifts to the Cooperative Program increasing proportionately.

Names In The News

Rev. William C. Jackson is the new pastor of Shivers Church in Simpson County.

Rev. Milton Williams, who has served as superintendent of missions for Pontotoc County Association for the past two years, has resigned in order to accept the pastorate of First Church, Meadville.

Dr. John Newport, former Mississippian, and professor of philosophy of religion at Southwestern Seminary, was guest speaker during two weeks of special religious emphasis at Hogg Kong Baptist College, in December. Well over 400 of the young people made spiritual decisions, more than 200 of these being initial professions of faith in Christ.

Cooper Walton of Jackson has been named a regional chairman of a campaign to secure a \$1 million endowment fund for New Orleans Seminary. Mr. Walton, who will be responsible for the greater Jackson area, has been active in Baptist work for many years and recently participated in evangelistic campaigns in Mexico and the West Coast. Endowment goal for Mississippi is \$210,000.

Dr. Robert Mann, a general practitioner from Easley, S. C., recently spent a month's "vacation" seeing 35 patients a day at the Baptist hospital in Ajloun, Jordan. A member of First Baptist Church, Easley, Dr. Mann went overseas at his own expense because he wanted "to do something for people who are really needy." Ajloun, one of several places suggested to him by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, is the mission station of one of his boyhood friends, Dr. John A. Roper, Jr., of Six Mile, S.C. At Ajloun he was assigned a nurse who could translate for him and the patients.

Revival Dates

First Church, Batesville: January 23-30; Dr. Angel Martinez, evangelist; Steve Taylor, evangelistic singer; Rev. J. R. Davis, pastor.

DEVOTIONAL—

WHO? ME!!

By A. L. Nelson, Business Manager
Mississippi Baptist Convention Board

"This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me; in vain do they worship, me teaching as doctrines the precepts of men." Matthew 15:8-9.

There is no one single exclusive technique of winning souls for Christ.



In Christian witnessing, what a man is speaks so loud that you cannot hear what he says. A person should not need a Bible under his arm or on his desk to tell the world he is a Christian. Actions should speak for themselves, and the scripture should be in his heart.

We have a gospel which has not lost its power and a Saviour who still saves. We have to find some way to make people believe it.

Jesus was very critical of Pharisees. He continually berated them for being so meticulous in their observation of laws and traditions whereby the spirit of love and the true meaning of God's commandments were completely lost.

Many of us act like Pharisees in that we read God's Word and interpret it in accordance with our own pet prejudices, likes and dislikes, etc. We are guilty of hearing what we want to hear and reading meaning into what is actually said and to what a writer actually wrote.

The Bible is God's revelation to man. It is specific and clear and needs no additions or subtractions. Contradictions and differences of opinions come from our putting our own feelings and interpretations into what is written.

There is just one God (who still lives, reigns in Heaven and controls the destiny of our earth), one Saviour, one Cross, one Resurrection, one Salvation, one baptism, and one flock. Jesus came that we might have life and have it abundantly. (John 10:10)

In James 2:10 we are told that if we keep the whole law and then offend in one point, we are guilty of all. When a man believes in his heart that God raised him from the dead, and confesses with his mouth that Jesus is Lord, he is a Christian. (Romans 10:9)

Upon hearing of my making a business trip to Chicago recently, a friend said, "What a horrible place!! I sure hate everything about it, etc., etc." It seems that rather than berate, criticize, and hate a northern big city, it would be better to be concerned over the seven million human souls residing in Chicago—realizing that very, very many of them are doomed to spend eternity in Hell because they have not accepted Christ as Saviour. If these millions of human souls are looking to us for a witness of the saving power of Jesus Christ and our attitude toward them is hostile, our witness is like "sounding brass."

We live in a vastly expanding scientific age where new scientific knowledge of God's universe is discovered every day. If someone had told my grandfather that we could sit in our living rooms and watch four bowl football games from Coast to Coast better than actually being at the game, He would have said, "Son, you have lost your mind."

When the automobile was invented many people said that it would never be of any use. My own father used to say that an airplane would never amount to a "hill of beans"; today we put men in space.

If we are to win a lost world for Christ it then behooves us to find a modern, scientific, space-age way of spreading the Gospel. America was evangelized by circuit riders. Circuit riders on horses do not get very far today.

It could be that some of our failures in Christian witnessing stem from the fact that in addition to the need of salvation, we emphasize our way of life (local customs, preju-



WHEN SLAYDEN CHURCH awarded Sunday school pins for perfect attendance, many of them were for more than five years. H. H. Valentine, superintendent, gave pins to the above, left to right: Paul Carpenter, one year; Rev. M. L. Swinney, pastor, and Dick Sanders, nine years each; C. A. Sanders, Kitty Sanders, Carl Sanders, and Mrs. C. A. Sanders, one year each; Betty Swinney, eight years; Shirley Swinney, fifteen years; Mrs. G. C. Valentine, one year and (not pictured) Michelle Carpenter, one year.

Louisiana Invites Church Musicians

NEW ORLEANS — Mississippi church musicians have been invited to attend an Evangelistic Music Conference, sponsored by the Louisiana Baptist Evangelistic Conference, in Lafayette, La., Jan. 25.

According to music conference director, Dr. William ("Billy") H. Souther, New

Orleans Seminary professor, the one-day music conference will meet simultaneously with the annual Evangelism Conference, Jan. 24-26. Program participants will include Don Hustad, organist for the Billy Graham evangelistics team; Genter Stephens, New Orleans Seminary professor; Claude Rhea, dean of fine arts, Houston Baptist College; and Mrs. Martha Branham, soloist and recording artist from Dallas.

dices, pet opinions and emphasis) and do not agree on what constitutes Christian living. Paul said, "Let not him who eats despise him who abstains, and let not him who abstains pass judgment on him who eats." (Romans 14:3) Just as there are many roads to the Cross, there are many ways from it. The only important thing is Salvation itself and the love of God.

We have done a wonderful job in our churches on the two sins of drunkenness and adultery; such a good job in fact that the average adulterer or drunkard will not enter the door of our churches. However, about the sins of intemperance (intemperance applies to many areas of living besides drinking alcohol)—greed, hate, and jealousy—which the Bible classifies just as great sin as drunkenness and adultery, we have done very little or nothing about.

One of my sons questioned why, with many people, there seems to be a difference between destroying the body with alcohol or destroying it with careless driving. He also questioned me as to whether the "racial hate" so apparent in many of us is the same kind of hate described in the Bible as a deadly sin.

We are all guilty of adding to and emphasizing or de-emphasizing some of the things the Bible says, and as Christians should be guided only as the scripture specifically outlines. We should live as Jesus commanded, with love in our hearts and genuine concern for the destiny of others, and much less concern about whether they do or do not agree with our way of living.

Pastor Prepares Study Outline On Gospel Of John

Dr. L. E. Green, pastor of the Prentiss Baptist Church, Prentiss, Miss., has prepared a special 35 page mimeographed outline study of the Gospel of John for use in teaching the book of John in the January Bible Study Week.

The author has prepared these special study outlines for the Bible Week study, each year for the past several years.

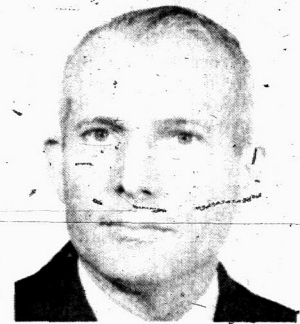
The study presents valuable introductory materials, a clear outline, and numerous special notes on various passages and subjects.

Bethesda Church Calls Pastor

Rev. Charles Rogers has recently been called as pastor of Bethesda Church in Hinds County.

He formerly pastored the Mt. Pleasant Church in Newton County and is currently attending Mississippi College.

Mr. Rogers and his wife, Dorothy, have four children: Deborah '11, Steve 10, Peggy 7, and Kathy 2.



Coldwater Calls Pastor

Rev. Edward Pendergrast has accepted the pastorage of Coldwater Church, Neshoba County.

The Calhoun City native formerly served as pastor of College Hill Church in Calhoun County. At present, he is enrolled at Clarke College. During January, he and his family will move on the church field.

SHELL GRANTS \$1500 TO MC

Mississippi College officials have announced the receipt of a \$1500 grant from the Shell Companies Foundation, Incorporated, under its Shell Assists program.

According to Dr. R. A. McElmore, college president, the money will be used for three separate \$500 grants as stipulated by the Shell Foundation.

The first \$500 will be placed in the general budget funds for use as the college president sees fit. The second \$500 will be used for general faculty development while the third \$500 grant is for additional professional development of individual faculty members.

H. Fred Williams Changes Churches

Rev. H. Fred Williams has resigned at First Church, Winter Garden, Florida, to accept the pastorage of First Church, Arcadia, Florida.

Williams served the Winter Garden church for over eight years. During this time there were 1,570 additions, 812 for baptism. Three missions were constituted into churches, and a fourth mission established. The church purchased an entire city block adjacent to its main property.

Cooperative Program mission giving rose from 17 percent in 1957 to 30 percent in 1965, and the present budget of the church sets aside 42 percent for all mission causes. The budget has tripled since 1957, from \$36,000 to \$115,000.

Williams, a native of Greenwood, Miss., pastored Glade Church, Laurel, and East Howard Church, Biloxi.

He and his wife and four children will move on January 14 to 114 S. Pasco Avenue, Arcadia, Florida.

Annex is to be remodeled. Mr. Bishop has served as moderator of Lincoln Association, and as a member of the Board of Trustees of Southern Seminary Center, Brookhaven. As chairman of the Lincoln County Evangelism Committee, he helped lay groundwork for the coming Lincoln County Area-wide Crusade.

A. S. MINTON DIES AT 71

A. Sidney Minton, who was 71 on November 30, died December 1 in a Brookhaven hospital, following a heart attack.

Mr. Minton was a deacon at Pleasant Grove Church near Brookhaven. During his lifetime, he served in many capacities as an outstanding Christian leader. "Pop," as he was known to hundreds of former students, teachers, and friends, was county superintendent of education, school superintendent, and coach for forty years before his retirement in 1960.

Survivors include his wife, the former Ella Victoria Parker; two daughters, Mrs. Charles Hewitt of Jackson; and Miss Sue Minton of Brookhaven; and a granddaughter, Cindy Hewitt of Jackson.



Pastor At Ecu Becomes Chaplain

Rev. E. W. Holmes, Jr., pastor at Ecu for over five years, has accepted an appointment as chaplain of Veterans Administration Hospital, Coral Gables, Florida.

Native of Monroe County, he is a graduate of University of Mississippi and Southern Seminary. Prior to entering the ministry he practiced law for several years in Abereen. In the U. S. Air Force, he was a legal officer.

Under Mr. Holmes' leadership, the Ecu Church has added 128, with 62 for baptism. The educational building has been centrally heated and air conditioned, and a house and lot purchased for future church expansion. All phases of the church financial program have shown marked growth.

Mr. Holmes has served as moderator of Pontotoc Association; president of Pontotoc County Baptist Pastors' Conference; president of Pontotoc County Ministerial Association; Sunday school superintendent for the association; and member of the association's Missions Committee and Nominating Committee.

Mr. Holmes and his wife, the former Betty Beckham of Amory, and their four sons, will be moving this month to Coral Gables.

Graduates of 250 colleges and 25 seminaries are currently enrolled in the Southern Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky. The school is now in its 107th year of service.

HANDBORO PASTOR RETIRES

Rev. E. N. Wilkinson, pastor of Handboro Church for the past seven years, retired on January 1. He and Mrs. Wilkinson have moved to 2003 Curcor Drive, Mississippi City, Mississippi 39562.

Handboro Church recently completed a new educational building. And in the top 100 Mississippi churches giving to the Cooperative Program last year, Handboro was listed as sixty-fifth.

Mr. Wilkinson has already accepted four revivals for this year and will do supply work in addition to preaching for revivals and perhaps doing some work in mission stations.



Rev. W. F. Bishop, Jr.

Accepts Post In South Carolina

Rev. William F. Bishop, Jr. has resigned as pastor of Macedonia Church, Lincoln County, Mississippi's largest rural church, to accept the pastorage of First Church, Kingstree, South Carolina.

During Mr. Bishop's seven-year ministry at Macedonia, 162 were added to the church, 79 on profession of faith. Shortly after he went there the church adopted its first regular budget, then \$12,000; the 1965-66 budget totals \$20,710.

In 1959, Macedonia began a Program of Advance. As part of the program, the sanctuary has been renovated, a church parking lot constructed, a den added to the pastorage; the kitchen remodeled; the Nursery Department expanded;



Rev. D. A. Hogan

Retires, Moves To Hattiesburg

Rev. and Mrs. D. A. Hogan have moved to Hattiesburg, where they plan to live during their years of retirement from the gospel ministry.

Mr. Hogan was ordained at Main Street Church on December 29, 1917. Rev. E. E. Dudley was pastor of the church at that time.

Mr. Hogan has served as pastor of 23 Baptist churches in Louisiana and Mississippi. Among them are Rawls Springs where he served for 13 years, Purvis where he served 12½ years, First Church of Zachary, Louisiana and Calvary Church, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. For three years he was a chaplain in the United States Army.

His wife is the former Dolie Simmons. Her father was the late W. E. Simmons of Brooklyn, Miss. They have three children, Ellis L. Hogan in El Paso, Texas; Mrs. E. L. Parker in Alamogordo, New Mexico; and Rev. Leiland M. Hogan who is pastor of the New Beulah Church in Baptist, Louisiana.

Mr. Hogan will be available to serve as supply pastor and in other ways in churches throughout this area. He and his wife are living at 107 South 11th Avenue, Hattiesburg, and their telephone number is 2-2270.

land cleared and incorporated into the Macedonia Church Park; choir robes bought; and Beginner Department re-modeled.

Plans are now complete for the erection of a three-story Adult Education Unit and Fellowship Hall. The present Old



WESTMINSTER ABBEY MARKING 900TH ANNIVERSARY—LONDON—Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip walk past memorial to Sir Winston Churchill as they leave Westminster Abbey after attending a special inaugural service opening a year-long observance of the famed church's 900th anniversary. Behind the couple are their children, Prince Charles and Princess Anne. Other members of the Royal Family also were present, as well as leaders of the Anglican, Catholic, Orthodox and Free Churches. The anniversary celebrations will be centered around the theme "One People," emphasizing Christian unity and reconciliation. First built by St. Edward the Confessor, the Abbey has been the scene of many of England's historical events, England's national shrine and one of the great churches of Christendom, the Abbey is where nearly all of the British monarchs have been crowned and where many of them are buried.—(RNS Photo)



State Boys Make Mexico Project Of '65

THREE STATE BOYS participated in the Mexico Project of '65 sponsored by the Brotherhood Commission, Memphis. They are, from left: Marshall Dickerson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Dickerson, of Booneville; Tim Rayborn, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Rayborn of Jayess, and David Luncford, son of Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Luncford of Sardis.